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MCC International, Suzhou Gold Mantis Construction Decoration, CMC Macau, and Beilida International (CNMI) Ltd. workers protest about not being paid. They chanted, "We want our money! We want to go home!"

ERWIN ENCINARES

## Some workers protest anew

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REPORTER

**A**bout 35 workers protested yesterday in front of the Imperial Pacific Resort site in Garapan, demanding that they be paid for their services and reimbursement for medical fees incurred from injuries sustained in the workplace.

### A 'good' rating for Wes Bogdan

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REPORTER

The CNMI Bar Association has given attorney Wesley M. Bogdan an overall "good" average rating in his fitness to become an associate judge of the Superior Court.

According to the Bar Association evaluation results, Bogdan received an average score of 3.9 for both experience and professional competence criteria.

The lawyer received an aver-

age score of 4.5 for integrity, and 4.0 for judicial temperament, and service to the law and contribution to the effective administration of justice.

That means Bogdan got an overall average rate of 4.06 or "good."

The five criteria were rated according to numeral values 1 through 5 as follows:

1. Unacceptable. Seldom meets minimum standards of performance.

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The workers, mostly Chinese nationals brought in as tourists but working for the contractors of the casino project, told *Saipan Tribune* that they were getting impatient as the four contractors involved with the construction of the resort has failed to provide them with a timeline on when they can get their promised compensation.

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### Torres hits back

By JON PEREZ  
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REPORTER

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres hit back at former Labor secretary Edith Deleon Guerrero, questioning the timing of her accusations that the administration is riddled with corruption and has been hiding issues and other comments in ongoing investigations.

Torres had accepted Deleon Guerrero's courtesy resignation on May 19, and the former Labor chief accused the administration of corrup-

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### MVA opposes trailer park concept



About 100 trailers are parked in a private lot across the Regal Theaters in San Jose.

Jose in November 2016.

One of those rumors had it that the trailers would be used to house tourists. It was said that the trailers were for a trailer park-themed lodg-

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# Local

## CGC takes lead in effort to stem substance abuse

By BEA CABRERA  
REPORTER

The Community Guidance Center spearheaded the observance of National Drug Prevention Week from May 15 to 17, 2017, with a boatload of activities aimed at educating the CNMI on healthy living and the power of prevention to help stop substance abuse and mental disorders.

Celebrated simultaneously on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota, the activities encouraged the community to join a fun run that was open to all and a poster-making

contest for grade school and middle school students. The latter had different themes that revolved around the fight against alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, and other drugs.

The Blue Ribbon Community Action Team tackled the growing number of children in the CNMI who are reportedly getting hooked on substance use and abuse.

"We have to protect these children. Substance abuse in children deters them from experiencing maturation of the brain. They are most at risk,"



said West Care Pacific Islands senior vice president Sarah Thomas-Nededog.

The NMI government, led by Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, has established the substance

abuse and treatment center and rehabilitation program that is underway.

"The mission of the governor is responding to the outcry of drug use and how it's either

directly or indirectly affecting everyone in the community. He has responded by opening up the CNMI's first-ever substance abuse and rehabilitation treatment center. The nearest

is Guam and resources needed there is high. We will address not only drug abuse but more such as substance or alcohol abuse," said Substance Abuse and Treatment Center's Shawnalei Ogumoro.

water service hours from 6am to 10am daily.

For more information, contact the CUC Customer Call Center (664-4282) or monitor its Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/CommonwealthUtilitiesCorporation/>). (PR)

## Temporary water outage is extended

Temporary water service interruption for the Beach Road, Middle Road, and Gualo Rai areas will be extended until Thursday, June 15, 2017.

The purpose of the extended water interruption is to provide ample time for proper installation of the damaged water line. Customers of

the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. in the affected areas will be experiencing low water pressure during the duration of the repair and should expect



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## Ports officer Degracia is this year's Top Gun

Manuel Degracia, a police officer with the Commonwealth Ports Authority, is this year's Top Gun champion after defeating 25 other local and federal law enforcers in the individual competition.

Of the 26 individual shooters, 10 got perfect 20 scores, but Degracia emerged the fastest with his blistering time of 3 minutes and 26 seconds to capture the Top Gun title.

Degracia said he has been joining the Top Gun competition the past eight years and it's amazing to finally become the Top Gun.

He prepared for this year's competition by focusing on the fundamentals of shooting.

"We've got good instructors in our department," said Degracia during the Public Safety Awareness banquet held at the Minachom AtDAO Pavilion in Susupe Wednesday night. Degracia received a trophy and \$1,000.

Acting Department of Public Safety spokesman Sgt. Jason Tarkong came second with his time of 3 minutes and 30 seconds. He was awarded a trophy and \$750. Tarkong also won the Top Gun championship several years ago.

CPA officer Juan Rebuenog

## Emergency water outage

There is an emergency water service interruption in the Navy Hill, portions of Chalan Galaide, China Town, Puerto Rico, and As Falape areas due to a burnt motor that was identified yesterday afternoon at 1pm.

Water operations personnel are currently making the necessary repairs and are anticipated to be completed this evening, June 2, at 5pm.

landed third with his time of 3 minutes and 48 seconds. He got a trophy and \$500. Rebuenog won the Top Gun contest last year and in 2012.

In the team competition, the CNMI K-9 Unit emerged champion by defeating 13 other teams with their best time of 3 minutes and 30 seconds.

The CNMI K-9 Unit team was composed of Customs officers Shawn Dela Cruz, Ryan Kikku, and Zachary Sasamoto and DPS police officer Anthony Alepuyo.

Team FSU or the "narcotics boys," led by Paul Ogumoro, got second place with their time of 4 minutes and 43 seconds.

CPA 1 landed third with a time of 4 minutes and 50 seconds. CPA won last year's team competition.

Only three participated in the female individual Top Gun category.

DPS officer Maridel Camacho got first place, Liana Quittuga of the Department of Corrections was second, and DPS officer Rhonda John landed in third.

CPA ports officer Melvin Manahane, who chairs the event with police officer David Hosono, said this year is the biggest; they got the most

number of shooters.

Last year, there were 21 individual shooters and eight teams.

"In Top Gun history, 2017 brought in the most individual shooters and teams," Manahane said.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and Lt. Gov. Victor Hocog donated cash prizes for the individual competition.

Meanwhile, winners in other sports competitions were also awarded on Wednesday.

The champions were DPS Patrol in basketball, CPA in volleyball, DPS special programs in softball, and CPA 1 in bowling. CNMI Customs was declared cook-off champion.

Israel Deleon of Homeland Security and Emergency Management was awarded the highest individual scorer in bowling.

CNMI Customs Lt. Robert Reyes was awarded with the biggest catch, total weight, and most variety in the fishing derby.

CPA was the 2017 overall winner, having won the most number of games. (Ferdie de la Torre)

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## Pangelinan, Perry crowned *Man'amko* King and Queen



Members of the 2017 Man'amko Royal Court take their seats at yesterday's coronation ball at the Man'amko Center last Wednesday night.

KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA

## GOOD

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2. Deficient. Does not always meet minimum standards of performance.

3. Acceptable. Meets minimum standards of performance.

4. Good. Often exceeds minimum standards of performance.

5. Excellent. Consistently exceeds minimum standards of performance.

The CNMI Bar Association has established a mechanism by which nominees for judicial appointment are evaluated by the members.

Association executive director Suzanne M. Steffy said

that the association invited its active members last May 16 to confidentially evaluate Bogdan with respect to his qualifications for judicial office.

Steffy said the evaluation process was based on the American Bar Association's May 2000 report titled "Standards on State Judicial Selection."

The CNMI Bar Association has approximately 200 active members, about 100 of whom primarily practice in the CNMI.

Of those 100 active CNMI-based lawyers, about 40 are employees of the government in various capacities.

Steffy said 26 active CNMI Bar members timely completed and submitted the evalua-

tion forms related to Bogdan's nomination.

She said the members who submitted evaluations were also asked how they knew Bogdan and that all evaluating members indicated that they knew him from direct professional experience.

Early last month, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres announced his appointment of Bogdan to serve on the bench. His appointment must still be confirmed by the CNMI Senate.

Bogdan's nomination to the position is intended to replace David A. Wiseman, who retired in May 2016 after 15 years on the bench.

Torres said he is confident in Bogdan's abilities and has no doubt that he will serve

the CNMI with dignity and integrity as a member of the Judiciary.

Bogdan is currently the legal counsel at the Office of the Governor and worked in that same capacity during the administration of the late governor Eloy S. Inos.

After graduating from law school in his home state of New Mexico, Bogdan worked as a judicial clerk for the New Mexico Court of Appeals in Albuquerque from 1992 to 1994.

He then moved to the CNMI in 1994 to work in the government as an assistant attorney general and later as an assistant public defender. He then also worked in private practice at four law firms on Saipan.

his recruiter.

Beilida workers claimed that they had a safety meeting in September 2016. They were reportedly told to "be careful in the workplace because if they get hurt, they would be responsible for their medical bills due to negligence in the workplace," said a translator.

A common denominator among all the workers is that they were denied work injury compensation despite demands for it, which the U.S. Department of Labor has failed to address. According to a source, numerous workers have sustained injuries during the construction of the hotel.

"[A worker named] Zhang Gui Lin suffered two injuries while working for MCC. In 2016, a thick piece of steel smashed his foot. In January 2017, while he and two others were pulling a cable to lift

something, he pulled a muscle in his back, which hurt for more than a week. [Zhang] has numbness in three of his fingers [up to this date]. Another MCC worker, Zhao Bao Jin, has had his arm injured by a metal pipe that slipped," the source said.

The demands of the workers were similar to previous protests: reimbursement of their placement fees, equipment fees, and medical fees, some of which reached 30,000 to 80,000 yuan (\$4,408 to \$11,756); the recalculation of their salaries following Saipan's minimum wage and overtime rates; compensation for the days that they were forcibly stopped working; and for their plane tickets to be shouldered by their respective companies.

The same group of workers reportedly protested about a week ago.

Jesus Pangelinan and Rafaela D. Perry are the 2017 *Man'amko* King and Queen.

The Office on Aging staged the *Man'amko* King and Queen Coronation Ball last Wednesday at the *Man'amko* Center, with *Man'amko* Royal Prince Vicente Fitial and *Man'amko* Royal Princess Christiana Michael joining the 2017 *Man'amko* Royal Court.

The court also consisted of four princesses and two princes. The princesses were Meryalen Conrad, Rosalia Sablan, Sitae Terry, and Jasminda Guaio, while the princes were Nick Klewei

and Emmanuel Mikel.

According to *man'amko* president Rita Reyes, proceeds raised from the coronation ball will go into funding the needs and wants of the congregates.

She said tabulation of the money took a week to finalize but the final amount raised from the fundraiser was \$7,000.

The *Man'amko* King and Queen Coronation Ball has been a long tradition for the center, according to Aging director Walter Manglona. It is not just to raise funds but to also honor the *man'amko*.  
**(Kimberly A. Bautista)**

## TORRES

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tion a few days later.

"All Cabinet members serve at the pleasure of the governor or the administration. I decided to accept her courtesy letter of resignation. Unfortunately, she's been out accusing the administration of corruption or hiding issues," Torres said in an interview yesterday.

He pointed out that Deleon Guerrero's allegations could possibly have merit "if she had resigned, saying 'I resign Gov. Torres because your administration is corrupt, I resign because you are hiding issues that I do not allow and would not allow.'"

He questioned Deleon Guerrero's timing in coming out with the accusation. "You wait until I accept your letter of resignation then you come out and say 'be careful there's corruption.' I think that just shows the type of character she is.

"I have high respect for every individual. Unfortunately, she's out accusing

this administration of wrongdoings and I don't appreciate that. We've done everything that we can within the law. I've been consulting with the [attorney general] with all the issues."

Torres said he even ordered all departments and other government agencies to implement their respective policies to the letter "to make sure no one gets sidelined or is given a shortcut."

"Why do you think [Imperial Pacific Resort's casino] has not opened yet? Because we're not shortcircuiting anything. They [Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC] want to open, we want them to open but there are regulations that need to be followed."

"Regarding her behavior and accusation, I warned other employers to look at such character. When you accept the resignation, for her to come out and start accusing the administration, she's been there for eight years. That's the decision that I made and I'm proud that I made that decision."

## MVA

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ing business.

It now appears that the manager of Saipan Ocean View Hotel owns the trailers. *Saipan Tribune* attempted to contact the manager yesterday, to no avail.

However, it was learned that last May 16, the Coastal Resources Management approved the major siting permits of the establishment, implying that Commonwealth Zoning Board permits have been approved as well.

Whatever the case may be, the Marianas Visitors Authority is against the concept. Responding to rumors that the trailers will be used to accommodate tourists who visit Saipan, MVA strongly opposes the idea, saying it contradicts efforts to market the CNMI as a destination for the well-heeled.

MVA managing director Chris Concepcion said that,

besides the unsightly view of having a trailer park in what is being marketed overseas as a premium high-end beach resort destination, one of the many concerns associated with trailers are their safety.

"The trailers are made of metal. When another storm comes, those trailers would be completely destroyed, turned into garbage, and blown out into the ocean. That is not what we want as a destination," said Concepcion.

"It is not in line with the promotion efforts of MVA to encourage tourists to visit the CNMI," he added.

He encourages regulatory agencies with oversight over such establishments to "come together as one and critically analyze projects that could hamper [MVA's] efforts in promoting the CNMI overseas."

"[Visitors should] go to the beach resorts. That is the appeal of the Marianas, its surrounding nature," he said.

## PROTEST

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The four contractors are Suzhou Gold Mantis Construction Decoration, MCC International, CMC Macau, and Beilida Overseas (CNMI) Ltd.

Although each worker's situation is unique, two workers of CMC Macau told *Saipan Tribune* that they have been offered by CMC Macau \$5,000 each to waive CMC Macau's responsibility over them, an offer both workers refused.

Some workers claim that they have been on Saipan for three months to a year. During their down time, a recruiter has been reportedly assigning them to random jobs, none of which were properly compensated for.

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# Triple J donates to Million Dollar Scholars program

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This is the second year Triple J is participating as a gold sponsor of the program.

"Kagman High School has created an incredible program that really helps our local scholars succeed at four-

year universities. Leaving the island to live and study in a completely new place can be incredibly intimidating. Million Dollar Scholars program works hard to help these kids get their degrees every step of the way, which is an indispensable support system," said Tracy Guerrero, Triple J corporate controller. "Plus, we feel good about a program that gives 100 percent of money raised to students."

Million Dollar Scholars is so named after its main goal, to be awarded more than a million dollars in scholarships



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Tracy Guerrero, Triple J Corporate controller, poses with 2017 Million Dollar Scholars and Gerard van Gils, right, the founder of the program.



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that will be used to attend college in the mainland United States. This scholarship program is unique in that they group CNMI students together who are attending the same college to lend support, encouragement and community and ensure a positive experience and increase graduation rates.

Jay Jones, senior vice president of Triple J Enterprises Inc., said, "This organization is part of a solution to help bright and talented students on Saipan who are left out

of higher educational opportunity succeed and fulfill dreams they couldn't otherwise fulfill without the support of organizations such as the Million Dollar Scholars of Kagman High School. We look at our donation as an investment in Saipan. Higher education opportunities are the main driver of innovation and success."

The Million Dollar Scholars program began in 2016, with scholars claiming more than \$2 million in scholarships and are all presently studying at

universities around the U.S.

Kagman also celebrated six Gates Millennium Scholars, the most per capita of anywhere else in the United States. Students are currently attending, Hollins University, Eastern Oregon University, Dixie State University, Art Institute in Seattle, Central Washington University, San Diego Mesa Community College, University of Guam, and Northern Marianas College, to name a few.

"We want to thank Triple J for once again donating to our

scholarship program. Their donation really goes a long way to help these kids succeed at college. It means a lot to have the support of the business community. We all need to work together to keep Saipan competitive by supporting our youth in their educational endeavors. We hope to partner with Triple J for future fundraising events," said Gerard van Gils, who founded the program.

Last year, Triple J Saipan donated \$1,500, bringing their total donation to \$3,000. (PR)

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# AlumKnights award \$1K scholarship grant

Mt. Carmel School's Class of 1990 recently awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to a graduating senior who won the scholarship by submitting an application that focused on a desire to return from college to give back to the islands.

The school's alumni, called AlumKnights, presented its first scholarship award to Nathaniel Snodgrass at the MCS graduation ceremony on May 28, 2017.

In the scholarship online application, Snodgrass expressed his plan to "open up a civic academy together with various leaders in the community who are dedicated to promoting and preserving a quality democracy." Snodgrass wants



Mt. Carmel School's Class of 1990 awards a \$1,000 scholarship to Nathaniel Snodgrass at the graduation ceremony on May 28, 2017 at the Mount Carmel Cathedral.

"to create an academy that sprouts future leaders and probably the greatest citizens the CNMI has ever seen."

Snodgrass will attend the Northern Marianas College this fall.

During the award presentation, MCS alumna Donna Flores stated the intent of the new scholarship program is to support the applicant's goals. "Our interest is the applicant's interest and desire in coming home and helping our islands grow and develop—as most of my fellow classmates are doing now in various capacities within our public and private sectors."

Flores also announced the class' commitment to finance this scholarship program for 10 years. (PR)

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## Tinian breaks ground for a new transfer station

Nicolas expressed optimism at the establishment of a transfer facility on Tinian: "With a transfer station we can close our open dump; there will be opportunities for recycling; and the community will have more incentive to sort household waste at home. ... I, along with the community, am truly excited to break ground for the transfer station."

San Nicolas also thanked stakeholders for their efforts to push the construction of the Tinian transfer station: "I owe my sincere gratitude to Gov. Torres, his Cabinet, and his staff for taking the lead on this project. Ms. Villagomez and her staff have been especially instrumental in securing funding for the transfer station. We cannot thank you enough."

He also recognized past leaders who contributed to the project, including former governor Eloy S. Inos, former lieutenant governor Jude U. Hofschneider, and former Tinian mayor Ramon Dela Cruz.

In his remarks, Torres congratulated San Nicolas and all stakeholders involved with the project. Torres also reaffirmed his support for Tinian's endeavors as they relate to roads, homesteads and solid waste management, among others.

According to Wikipedia, a transfer station is a building or processing site for the temporary deposition of waste. Among those in attendance at Wednesday's ceremony were Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, Lt. Gov. Victor B. Hocog, and Cabinet members Virginia Villagomez (Office of Management and Budget), Marianne Concepcion-Teregoyo (Public Lands), James Ada (Public Works), and Tony Benavente (Lands and Natural Resources).

Addressing the crowd gathered at the project site, Tinian Mayor Joey Patrick San

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## Islandwide treasure hunt

By BEA CABRERA  
REPORTER

In celebration of Club 88's 2nd anniversary this month, everyone is invited to join an Island Wide Treasure Hunt, where the treasure is \$1,000 in cash.

The islandwide treasure hunt is already in progress. It started on June 1 and would go on until the treasure is found.

The \$1,000 is already out somewhere on the island—"We made it waterproof, sunproof and it's just waiting for the treasure hunter that will claim it," according to Club 88 manager Ken Warner.

Clues that would help lead treasure hunters to the \$1,000 are given out every Wednesday starting June 7, 2017, at 8pm over at Club 88 in Oceanview Hotel in Garapan.

There is no entrance fee and cover charge to come in. Everyone is welcome. The same clues will be repeated the following day via 103.9 KZMI radio station.

Aside from the treasure hunt, Club 88 has weekly cash drawings for its regular patrons: Wednesday to Friday, 8pm to midnight, with a major prize of \$250; Saturday, 9pm to 1am with a major prize of \$250 and \$500; and Sunday, 7pm to 9pm, with a major prize of \$250.

"This is Club 88's way of sharing the celebration of our anniversary with the island. The island treasure hunt is going to be fun and exciting, especially with different clues that will be given out every Wednesday. We look forward to meeting the winner," Warner added.

 **COMMUNITY BRIEFS**
**One-day Task & Management training**

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce and Island Training Solutions invites the public to a Task & Time Management seminar on Thursday, June 15, from 9am to 12pm at the Chamber's conference room at the Marianas Business Plaza Suite 315. The training will help you establish goals, communicate effectively, and meet deadlines, attain skills to balance home and work and learn effective techniques to increase productivity. Training fee is \$50 for Chamber member and \$55 for non-member. Seats are limited. For more information call 234-7150 or email [coordinator@saipanchamber.com](mailto:coordinator@saipanchamber.com). (SCC)

**Military training at Warning Area 517, FDM**

**ASAN, Guam**—The U.S. military will conduct training at Warning Area 517 today, May 31, from noon to 3pm. The military will also conduct training at the island of Farallon de Medinilla on June 1, from 8:30am to 4:30pm, and on June 2, from 7:30am to noon.

The public—especially fishermen, commercial pilots, and marine tour operators—are advised to stay clear of the areas during the dates and times indicated. (PR)

**Cancer survivors invited to Sunday events**

The Commonwealth Cancer Association and the CHCC Comprehensive Cancer Control Program are inviting all people facing cancer to a "Celebration of Life" Mass on Sunday, June 4, 2017, 8am, at Kristo Rai Church in Garapan, and the Cancer Survivors Summit Gala, also on Sunday, June 4, 2017, from 11am to 2pm at the Hyatt Regency Saipan Sand-Castle. To RSVP or for more information, call the CCA at 682-0050 or email at [ccamarianas@gmail.com](mailto:ccamarianas@gmail.com). (PR)

**CAO to host summer camp this month**

The Carolinian Affairs Office will host a summer camp for children ages 8 to 13 years old, from June 5 to June 23, across the Bank of Guam on Beach Road in Garapan. The camp will be held from Monday to Friday only, from 7:30am to 11:30am. Daily activities will focus on traditional ways and practices. Only 30 seats are available, so it's first come, first serve. Registration form available at CAO. Contact 234-6385 for more information. (PR)



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## NOTICE TO BIDDERS

SEALED PROPOSALS for PROCUREMENT AND DELIVERY OF ONE (1) 1,500-GALLON AIRCRAFT RESCUE AND FIRE FIGHTING (ARFF) VEHICLE to the FRANCISCO C. ADA/SAPIAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, SAIPAN, COMMONWEALTH OF NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS, PROJECT NO. CPA-SA-001-17 (AIP PENDING), will be received at the office of the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950.

Bidders are to submit one original and two copies of their bid which shall be sealed in an envelope and marked on the cover package outside as follows: "Procurement and Delivery of One (1) 1,500-Gallon ARFF Vehicle to the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, Saipan, CNMI, Project No. CPA-SA-001-17", and submitted later than 2:00 P.M., FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 2017, to the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport, at which time and place the sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read.

The project, in general, consists of the procurement and delivery of one (1) brand new aircraft rescue fire fighting vehicle in accordance with the specifications.

A CD-Rom containing the contract documents including specifications, may be obtained at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950, upon the payment of ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$150.00) for each set of documents in electronic form (CD) including the bid schedule. This payment is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made in cash, cashier's check or U.S. postal money order payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

The procurement is being financed by funds from U.S. Federal Aviation Administration and Commonwealth Ports Authority. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within ninety (90) calendar days from the receipt of bids. CPA reserves the right to hold such bids in effect for one hundred twenty (120) calendar days from the date of bid opening.

The contract period for procurement and delivery in its entirety shall be THREE HUNDRED SIXTY (360) CALENDAR DAYS. Liquidated damages of FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00) shall be assessed the awarded bidder for each calendar day the completion of the delivery is delayed beyond the completion date without excuse.

The apparent low bidder may be subject to a thorough and comprehensive review of its qualifications and Bid Documents to ensure that they are "responsive and responsible." This review will include, but is not necessarily limited to previous experience, financial capabilities, quality of equipment and personnel, and bonding and insurance. If the apparent low bidder is found not to be "responsive or responsible", their bid will be rejected and the next lowest bidder will be evaluated for qualifications.

A pre-bid conference will be held at the CPA Conference Room, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, 10:00 AM, Friday, June 9, 2017, to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project.

Questions regarding this procurement should be submitted in writing to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, 2nd floor, Arrival Terminal, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport at least seven (7) days prior to the bid opening date.

Each proposal shall be on a form furnished by the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The bidders are required to use the bid schedule form on the CD-Rom. The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Notice to Bidders; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the procurement contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said bids if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

Each bid shall be accompanied by either a bid bond by U.S. Treasury listed surety company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount not less than TEN PERCENT (10%) of the bid price. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All mechanics and laborers for this procurement project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by the CNMI or the U.S. Secretary of Labor, whichever is higher. A copy of the Department of the Federal Labor Wage Rate Determination is included in Section GP 60 of the specifications. The bidder shall take into account minimum wage increases that may be imposed in the CNMI over the life of the Contract and include associated costs in the bid proposal. The EEO requirements, labor provisions, and wage rates are included in the specifications, and bid proposal documents are available for inspection at the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All bidders shall comply with all Federal requirements under this Federally funded procurement, including but not limited to Buy American Preference, Foreign Trade Restriction, Davis Bacon, Veteran's Preference, Affirmative Action and Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension and Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-free Workplace. Further details on all Federal requirements are provided in GP 90 of the specifications.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:

/s/ CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO  
Executive Director

Date: May 25, 2017

## Muña earns healthcare management credential

CHICAGO—Esther L. Muña, chief executive officer of the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., recently became a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives, the nation's leading professional society for healthcare leaders.

"The healthcare management field plays a vital role in providing high-quality care to the people in our communities, which makes having a standard of excellence promoted by a professional organization critically important," said Deborah J. Bowen, FACHE, CAE, president and chief executive officer of ACHE. "By becoming an ACHE Fellow and earning the distinction of board certification from ACHE, healthcare leaders demonstrate a commitment to excellence in serving their patients and the community."

Fellow status represents achievement of the highest

standard of professional development. In fact, only 9,100 healthcare executives hold this distinction. To obtain Fellow status, candidates must fulfill multiple requirements, including passing a comprehensive examination, meeting academic and experiential criteria, earning continuing education credits and demonstrating professional/community involvement. Fellows are also committed to ongoing professional development and undergo recertification every three years.

Muna is privileged to use the FACHE credential, which signifies board certification in healthcare management and ACHE Fellow status.

For more information regarding the FACHE credential, contact the ACHE Division of Member Services at (312) 424-9400, by emailing contact@ache.org, or visitache.org/FACHE. (PR)

## PIEC fast coming up

The 29<sup>th</sup> Pacific Islands Environment Conference will be held on June 13-15 at the Saipan World Resort.

The following companies and organizations—Saipan Shipping Co., Hofschneider Engineering, Micronesia Islands Nature Alliance, EA Engineering, Science, and Technology Inc., PBC, Triple J Saipan, Parsons Corp., and the Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority—have all expressed their support as sponsors of the conference.

The theme of the conference is "A Sustainable Pacific: Preparing for Change, Voyaging with Knowledge" with a focus on climate change and island resilience, approaches to sustainable development, and connections between public health and the environment.

Registration is ongoing.

## NMC to host 'Cash for College' workshop on June 17

Northern Marianas College will be hosting a free "Cash for College" workshop to assist students and their parents in maximizing scholarship opportunities that are available to students who are pursuing a college degree.

The free workshop will be held on Saturday, June 17, 2017, at the college's As Terlaje campus in Building A. The workshop will be an ongoing session, so participants can stop by anytime between 9am to 12pm. The workshop will also be held on Tinian on June 20, 2017, at the NMC campus from 10am to 2pm and on Rota on June 22, 2017, at the NMC campus from 10am to 2pm.

Participants of the workshop will be provided with personal, step-by-step assistance in completing college financial aid forms, focusing especially on forms for the Free

ing at www.regonline.com/29PIECSAIPAN. The registration fee is \$50 for the three days, or \$20 for one day. The fees will be increased for onsite registration. The three-day fee will be \$75 and the one-day fee will be \$30.

For all enrolled students at the Northern Marianas College, organizers have waived the registration fee. Registration is accepted only onsite with a valid student ID at the time of registration.

For more sponsorship or exhibitor information, visit deq.gov.mp. For general inquiries, contact the Bureau of Environmental & Coastal Quality at 664-8500, or email reinacama-cho@becq.gov.mp. Otherwise, visit deq.gov.mp and follow the links to the Pacific Islands Environment Conference. (PR)

## Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-17-032

#### SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF ENGINE LUBE OILS FOR POWER GENERATION

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified firms for the supply and delivery of engine lubricating oils for CUC Power Generation facilities on Saipan and Rota for the period starting September 01, 2017 through August 30, 2020.

The RFP Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$200.00 (non-refundable) for one RFP package set. The RFP package consisting of the specifications and scope-of-service will be provided in a CD or emailed to the registered email ID. Prospective Proposers must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division.

A Pre-proposal Conference will be conducted at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room 17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan on June 1, 2017 at 10:00 AM (ChST).

**One (1) original and five (5) hard copies**, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-17-032, Supply & Delivery Of Engine Lube Oils for Power Generation" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than June 23, 2017 at 10:00 AM (ChST). Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discuss and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors.

All Offeror are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract. The RFP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services. Offeror are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations. The contract may be subject to the approval CPUC and will not be effective until receipt of such approval.

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proponent awarded a contract. Successful proponents will be required to submit a copy of a valid CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on June 5, 2017 to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Administrator via email address manny.sablan@cugov.org with a copy to Venugopal Prabhakara, Utility Coordinator for Power via email venugopal.prabhakara@cugov.org and Antonio Castro, CUC Chief Financial Officer via email antonio.castro@cugov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

GARY P. CAMACHO  
Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN, JR.  
Purchasing Administrator

For additional information, contact the NMC Financial Aid Office at 237-6792 or email daisy.propst@marianas.edu. (NMC)



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The 3rd Annual International Festival of Cultures will be held every Saturday evenings on Saipan beginning on Sept. 2, 2017, at a new location, Garapan Fishing Base.

The festival celebrates the cultural diversity of the Marianas, with special emphasis on the indigenous cultures of Micronesia.

The Marianas Visitors Authority is seeking repre-

sentative groups of different cultures to participate in planning for the event. Interested groups must submit a participation form by next June 9 at the MVA office in San Jose. Representative groups may contact MVA Community Projects coordinator Janerlinse Seman Sablanat at jsablan@mymarianas.com or 664-3210 for more information.

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# Int'l Festival of Cultures in Sept.



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In this file photo, Chamorros perform at the Annual International Festival of Cultures on Saipan on Sept. 13, 2014. The 3rd Annual International Festival of Cultures will be held every Saturday evenings beginning on Sept. 2, 2017, at the Garapan Fishing Base.

## Celebrate Pride Month in Guam

**TAMUNING, Guam—** Guam Pride 2017 celebrates National LGBT Pride Month with The Party: Love Wins! this Saturday, June 3, 2017, from 8pm to 2am at The Globe Ultra Lounge in Tumon.

The event is one in a series of events planned for June, the month annually designated against discrimination and violence toward members of the LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer) community. Everyone is encouraged to dress up in your best look from the 80s, your favorite RuPaul's Drag Race Queen, or celebrate Love Wins! as the Queen of Hearts herself! Tickets are on sale now at Fokai in Tumon and at Black Tie Events in the Ju-lale Center in Hagåtña. Tickets are also available online at <https://guampride2017.eventbrite.com/>. Five dollars from ticket sales goes to help fund the non-profit advocacy organization ISA LGBTQ Guam.

For more details about the Guam Pride 2017 celebration events, please visit our website, [www.guampride.org](http://www.guampride.org). (PR)

Nation; Drag Superstar Pangina Heals from Bangkok, Thailand; and Diva Diamond Burlesque star Renae McPhearson.

The theme for The Party: Love Wins! is rainbows, drag queens, club kids couture, Banjee Boy realness, and anything fierce, unique, and anything over the top. Entertainment includes the internationally renowned DJ duo from New York City, Will and Nita Aviance of The Carry

ful community of ethnic diversity, and the International Festival of Cultures gives us the chance to come together and share the beauty of that with our visitors," said MVA Community Projects manager Martin Duenas. "We are

once again inviting all cultural groups represented in the Northern Marianas, whether big or small, to be a part of this year's festival by contacting our office."

In particular the MVA is hoping to hear from the com-

munities of Micronesia, Russia, India, Pakistan, and Nepal. Also slated to participate are the communities of Korea, China, Japan, Chamorro, Carolinian, Samoa, Fiji, Tonga, Hawaii, Marshalls, Palau, Bangladesh, and the Philip-

pines.

The festival will include cultural demonstrations, arts and crafts, food sales, and live cultural entertainment. This year's festival will also feature a new time of 5pm to 9pm. Admission is free. (MVA)



## Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



### INVITATION FOR BIDS

**CUC-IFB-17-033  
NMC SEWER LINE UPGRADE  
(S-14-035)**

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the replacement and upgrade of sewer line in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The project consists, in general of the replacement of asbestos cement pipe (ACP) in the area of Northern Mariana College, Fina Sisu. The work shall be done not to disrupt the daily operation of the sewer discharge. The Project is to replace approximately ± 750 LF of existing 8-inch ACP, ± 20 LF of 10-inch force main, existing service lateral exploration work, 4-inch service lateral connections and clean-outs, installation of new concrete sewer manhole installation and abandonment of existing sewer manhole, installation and monitoring of wastewater temporary by-pass pumping system and road restoration.

This project is funded by a grant from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the approval for project award from USEPA.

CUC requires the Project to be completed in **200 calendar days** from date of award of contract.

Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by a Site Visit is scheduled on **June 14, 2017 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

**One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies** must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "**CUC-IFB-17-033, NMC Sewer Line Upgrade**", to the **CUC Procurement & Supply Office**, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on June 30, 2017**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

**A Bid Guarantee** of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A **Payment Bond** of one hundred (100%) percent and a **Performance Bond** of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered Prospective Bidders and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on June 16, 2017** to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Administrator- via email address [manny.sablan@cucgov.org](mailto:manny.sablan@cucgov.org) with a copy to Birhen Martinez, CUC Water/Wastewater Senior Engineer - via email address [birhen.martinez@cucgov.org](mailto:birhen.martinez@cucgov.org) and Marcela Tenorio, CUC Purchasing Assistant- via email address [marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org](mailto:marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org).

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids for any reason and to waive any defects in said bid documents, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

GARY P. CAMACHO  
Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLÁN, JR.  
Purchasing Administrator



## Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-17-023, Rev.2

#### OEM-Assessment & Preventative Maintenance Services for the Diesel Engine Systems at CUC Power Plant No. 1, Saipan

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals for OEM-Assessment & Preventive Maintenance Services (PMS) for the Diesel engine systems at CUC Saipan Power Plant No. 1, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The solicitation seeks responses from qualified ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURERS (OEMs) or their authorized licensees from which CUC intends to select the most responsive proposer to negotiate the final scope of work and enter into a contract agreement that best fit CUC's requirements. The term for the initial contract is for a period of ONE (1) year which may be extended or renewed upon mutual agreement.

A Pre-Proposal Conference will be conducted at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room 17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan on **June 15, 2017 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. Immediately after the conference, a Site Visit to the CUC Power Plant No. 1 facility will be conducted. Prospective Proposers shall familiarize themselves with the site conditions prior to submitting the proposal.

The RFP Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$200.00 (non-refundable) for one RFP package set. The RFP package consisting of the specifications and scope-of-service will be provided in a CD or emailed to the registered email ID. Prospective Proposers must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division.

**One (1) original and five (5) hard copies**, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "**CUC-RFP-17-023, Rev. 2, OEM-Assessment & PMS for the Diesel engine systems at CUC Saipan Power Plant No. 1, Saipan**" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than July 7, 2017 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

A **Proposal Guarantee** of fifteen (15%) percent of the total proposal price must accompany the proposals. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or proposal bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A **Payment Bond** of one hundred (100%) percent and a **Performance Bond** of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful Proposer. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be administered by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Proposers are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discuss and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors.

All Offerors are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract. The RFP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services. Offeror are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proponent awarded a contract. Successful proponents will be required to submit a copy of a valid CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates no less than the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract, as indicated in the web page: <https://marianaslabor.net/>. The proponents shall be required to comply with all applicable CNMI and Federal Laws.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on June 19, 2017** to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Administrator via email address [manny.sablan@cucgov.org](mailto:manny.sablan@cucgov.org) with a copy to Venugopal Prabhakara, CUC Utility Coordinator for Power via email [venugopal.prabhakara@cucgov.org](mailto:venugopal.prabhakara@cucgov.org), Richard Cano, CUC Power Generation Manager via email [richard.cano@cucgov.org](mailto:richard.cano@cucgov.org) and Marcela Tenorio, CUC Purchasing Assistant via email address [marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org](mailto:marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org).

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

GARY P. CAMACHO  
Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLÁN, JR.  
Purchasing Administrator



# DIVISION OF YOUTH SERVICES 2017 Summer Youth in Transition Camp

**Sports & Wellness Camp**  
for Children ages 6 – 13 years old



## Camp A

June 19 – 23, 2017  
7:30am – 11:30am  
Monday – Friday  
at Hopwood Jr.  
High School



## Camp B

June 26 – 30, 2017  
7:30am – 11:30am  
Monday – Friday  
at Carolinian Utt

## Pick-up/drop off applications at:

- Division of Youth Services – Tanapag Youth Center (TYC)
  - Division of Youth Services – Administration Office
    - Koblerville Youth Center
    - Carolinian Affairs Office

All applications must be submitted no later than  
Friday, June 09, 2017 at 4:30pm  
Contact the DCCA – Division of Youth Services at 664-2550/2599  
Website: [www.dys.gov.mp](http://www.dys.gov.mp)

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Pick-up/Drop off applications at:

- DIVISION OF YOUTH SERVICES – TANAPAG YOUTH CENTER
  - KOBLEVILLE YOUTH CENTER
- GARAPAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CENTER (CWA)
  - CAROLINIAN AFAIRS OFFICE (CAO)

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS ON JUNE 09, 2017**

**ORIENTATION FOR ALL ON: JUNE 14, 2017 AT TANAPAG YOUTH CENTER AROUND 3:00PM.**

**COME ALL & HAVE A GREAT SUMMER TIME!**

# Opinion

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## EDITORIAL

### Let the federal ethics office do its job

Walter Shaub is trying to do his job. The director of the federal Office of Government Ethics has taken note of the large number of former lobbyists hired by the Trump administration and exercised his authority to seek the waivers those new officials have received to take up their positions. Unfortunately, the Trump White House appears to be looking for ways to thwart his efforts.

It is doing so in violation of the spirit of its own executive order, signed shortly after the president took office in January, and the law creating the ethics office that stems from the Watergate scandal of the 1970s. In the past, under Democratic and Republican presidents, the White House has applied the necessary pressure and ensured compliance when agencies and departments have been slow to produce the waivers.

In his executive order, the president echoes his predecessor in barring lawyers and lobbyists hired as political appointees from working for two years on matters that involve former clients. For lobbyists, that means staying away from regulatory issues that were part of their portfolios. As in the Obama years, the order permits exceptions, or waivers, usually for those with special skills or when the overlap proves slight. Following precedent, the Obama team attached lengthy explanations to its waivers. It also made the waivers public.

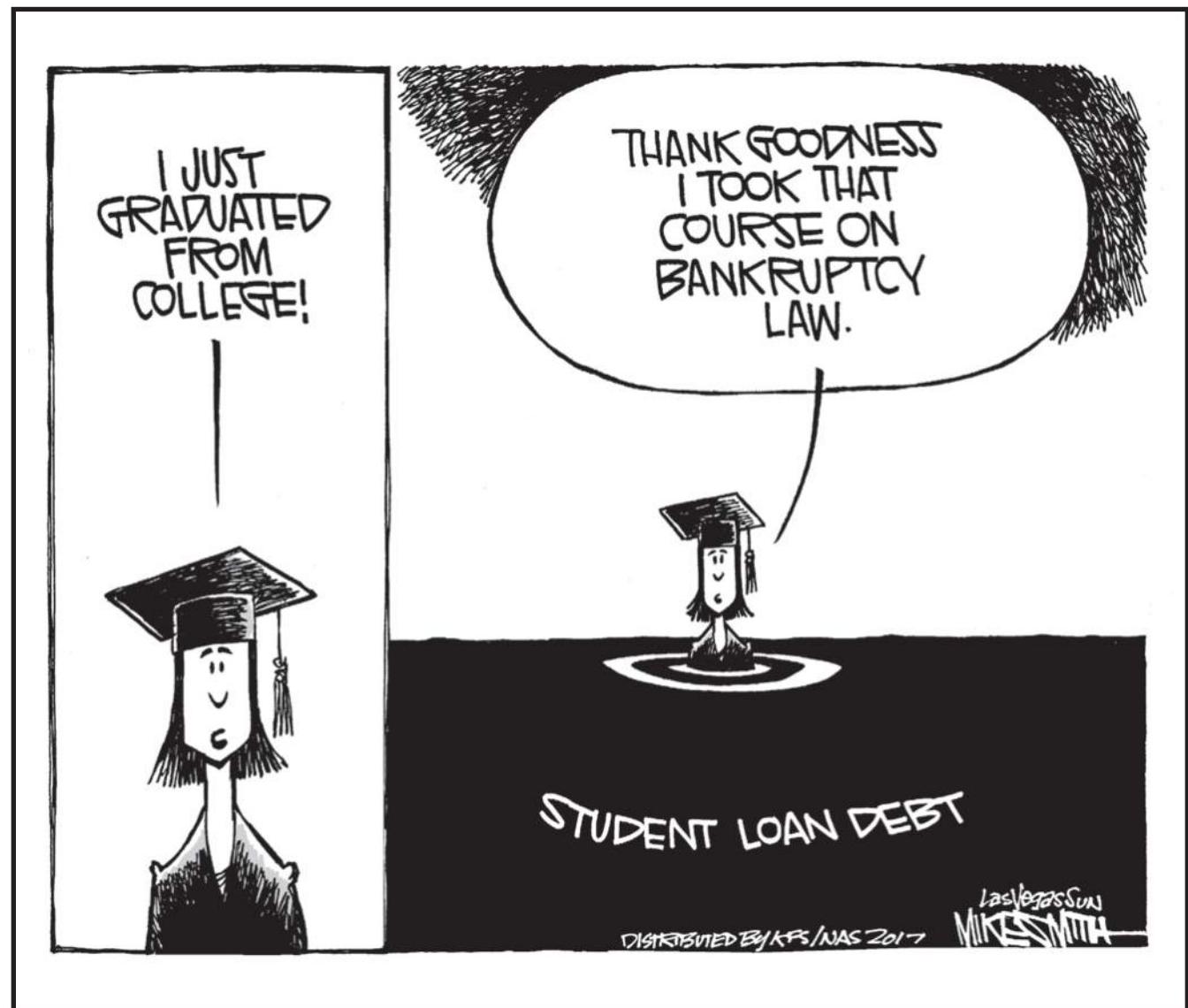
When Shaub made his request, the Trump Office of Management and Budget responded with a letter asking him to withdraw his request, challenging the "expansive scope and breathless timetable," arguing the matter required "further legal guidance." The letter accused the ethics office of having a political agenda.

The brazenness of the letter is familiar. The ethics office is well within its authority, as legal experts and officials in previous administrations have made clear. Its purpose is sound. Without access to the waivers, the office and the public have no basis for establishing whether a waiver violates ethics laws or the administration is shirking its legal obligation.

This transparency is especially important in view of the officials working in the current administration who appear to be handling subjects in line with what they did as lobbyists, from banking to communications and oil and gas. Recall how the president campaigned, he and his supporters frequently and emphatically declaring: "Drain the swamp." Follow the rhetoric, and the president, at a minimum, would insist on compliance with the ethics office request.

Yet so much about this administration goes to breaking the rules or departing from responsible past practice. In the realm of ethics, the approach has been glaringly evident, the president in violation of the emoluments clause, yet to reveal his tax returns or his global business ties or separate himself from his companies. Shaub rightly has described federal ethics policies as "the gold standard internationally." They are one way in which America is great, and why the president has a duty to comply, in this instance, making public the waivers.

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### June? Bah!

Now that June has arrived the entire northern hemisphere will hear happy, chirping voices ushering in summertime. A summer vacation is a reward for slogging it halfway through the year. It's not looking good for me, though. I've done more shirking than slogging on the home front. The only thing I've got to show for 2017 at mid-year is a lengthy "honey do" list. The procrastination bug has really got me this time around. It looks like I'll be vacationing in the garage.

Are there any fellow procrastinators out there? I'd ask you to send me an email but I know you'd never get around to it. With that in mind if I don't hear from you I'll consider you part of the team.

Anyway, while I'm waiting not to hear from you, I'll offer a look at the procrastination gig from this end of things. After all, all true procrastinators have their own style. We should start comparing notes. This isn't merely an affliction. It's a lifestyle.

My style is decidedly lopsided. The procrastination urge doesn't strike when it comes to work. I've always liked digging into work and getting as far ahead of things as possible. Paradoxically, that's due to steadfast laziness. I've found that the faster and more methodical I am out of the blocks the less effort I have to expend in the long run.

That sounds like some warm-fuzzy happy talk. It's not. There's actually an analogue for this in aerodynamics. It's called the power curve. It shows that, under certain conditions, you can fly faster for less power. This isn't an esoteric thing. It's basic.

But let's not get smug about that one. There is, after all, another basic force at work: The shoemaker paradox. That's the wisdom that the shoemaker's kids have the worst shoes in town.

This notion hits a bullseye. So, while on the desk front my inbox is clear, my spreadsheets add up and my email is all answered, on the home front things aren't always so pretty.

The garage has a half-fixed sedan squatting in it. When it comes to cars I keep on top of fluids, brakes, and belts; that's not procrastination territory for me. But it doesn't change the fact that a half-fixed car can languish in purgatory for a long time.

Meanwhile, a corner of the hallway is claimed by an assortment of un-mailed parcels, some addressed, some not. And I've got two, no, wait, make that three, boxes of mundane household paperwork that has to be sorted, filed, mailed, or thrown out. Darned if I can stir myself to look at it.

I have found that the problem with these types of chores is

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there's no mileage in getting ahead of them.

In fact, I sense a bias in the opposite direction. Some neglected tasks just vanish. This is the seduction of procrastination.

Of the vanishing tasks, some roost out of sight and conspire to make a more concerted assault on me. Others, however, just give up and evaporate. The problem, as my fellow procrastinators will agree, is that you can never tell in advance which tasks are going to fall into which category.

Oh, you can sure try to figure it out. I've tried. It was never worth the worry. To be a true procrastinator, it helps to be a fatalist at heart. There's no point in ignoring something if you insist on worrying about it, too. Apathy is the blessed ally of neglect.

I'll invoke some wisdom from Nassim Nicholas Taleb. Here's a quote from his book, *Antifragile*: "Few understand that procrastination is our natural defense, lessening things take care of themselves and exercise their antifragility."

He's not excusing a sweeping neglect of life's essential tasks, but he's aware that some things are simply better off not meddled with and that they'll sort themselves out in due time.

No matter how simply we try to live, I reckon there's an infinite array of things that try to claim our attention. What we choose to heed, and what we choose not to heed is a defining element of our nature. All conscientious people want to be "detail oriented," but the big question is, oriented to which details? When it comes to this stuff, even seasoned pros in serious contexts can have major differences of opinion. That's why cage fighting is less brutal than some of the wars that rage in trade publications.

The opinion around my neck of the woods seems pretty clear, though: Until that car in the garage gets going and until some progress is made paring down the mountain of neglected chores, my only vacation is going to be in the garage.

I'll be holding a wrench instead of a mai tai.  
June? Bah!

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## Trump's budget

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.

Special to the Saipan Tribune



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**W**ashington and elected officials here seem to have overlooked the legal status of the CNMI, as though it's a territory like others under the flag.

"It is not. It is a 'commonwealth' in political union with the U.S. inherent under U.S. Public Law 94-241 or Covenant agreement," according to former speaker Oscar C. Rasa.

He noted that the agreement excludes some aspects of the U.S. Bill of Rights and provides limited landownership to the indigenous people.

Moreover, the agreement says the application of federal laws must specifically name the CNMI lest it doesn't apply here, Rasa said. "These are the unique aspects of the agreement which sets the NMI apart from other territories," he said.

"In other words, the U.S. Congress doesn't have plenary (absolute) powers over the NMI like it does Guam and others," Rasa pointed out. "In short, we have self-government while Guam can't have the same as an unincorporated territory."

There were challenges to certain provisions of the agreement that was upheld by the courts such as exclusion of some of the Bill of Rights of the U.S. Constitution and the integrity of Section 805 of the Covenant or land alienation.

"As interpreted by the courts, 'in the territorial context the definition of a basic and integral freedom must narrow to incorporate the shared beliefs of diverse cultures,'" according to the book, *An Honorable Accord* written by Howard P. Willens and Deanne C. Siemer, both constitutional lawyers.

"The key question then becomes whether the asserted constitutional guarantee 'is fundamental in this international sense.'"

"After examining the right to jury trial, the right to equal access to land acquisition...the courts concluded that none of these rights was 'fundamental'—in this sense—so as to require the invalidation of the Covenant provision involved. In addition, the court in the land alienation case examined whether it would be

'impractical or anomalous' to apply the constitutional right involved in the Northern Marianas."

"It concluded that the underlying purposes of the land alienation restrictions were to protect local culture and values, that the U.S. was felt politically compelled to curtail landownership in order to convince the NMI people to accede to U.S. sovereignty, and that without such a restriction the political union between the NMI and the U.S. would not have been possible.

"To hold otherwise, the court reasoned, would require construing the equal protection clause of the Constitution 'to force the U.S. to break' its commitment under the Trusteeship Agreement," according to court decision.

Former speaker Rasa was one of the Covenant negotiators and a recipient of the prestigious International Who's Who of Intellectuals issued by the International Biographical Centre, Cambridge, England. He reiterated that local policymakers and the administration must come to terms with the agreement because it distinctly sets the NMI apart from other territories. It means the NMI is not a territory of the U.S. but a Commonwealth in political union with the U.S.

**Labor:** The NMI wants an increase in the number of foreign workers to prevent chaos under fragile economic foundation.

Queries were raised on the practicality being sought by the NMI. This is where the apparent anomaly if the issue is based solely on the

letter of USPL 110-229. Is there a way out of this dilemma?

Local officials have discussed immigration as it relates to labor, focusing on temporary measures. Former speaker Rasa suggested a more lasting approach such as co-management.

He said the difficulty shows Washington is too far away from the islands but "our needs are imperative," thus the need to work jointly. He said that capital and labor go together, where one can't function without the other. Both sides must meet to establish a co-management system where the benefits are mutual.

**Da salary:** To spin reality into your obvious self-aggrandizement, how many of you could really earn \$75,000 to \$135,000 per year in private industries?

Would your shiny academic and professional experience get you anywhere near \$75,000 per year at an outside job? Like what we all had to endure, you too must learn to earn your dues!

**Ascension:** The law governing ascension of the Senate president as lieutenant governor must be changed substantially. In other words, whoever sits in that post or the first seat must have a public mandate or the votes of "we the people."

The current arrangement is asinine where one without a public mandate enjoys the fortune by "legal" means, disposing of matters of state without approval by the people. The mechanics should be worked out as the proposed initiative is prepared for this purpose. This is a must in the seat of "we the people."

## MANAFORT DESTINY BY JOE "BAD HIRE" FOURNIER

IF YOUR CAMPAIGN MANAGER'S LAST EMPLOYER WAS UKRAINE PRESIDENT AND PUTIN PUPPET, VIKTOR YANUKOVYCH,



AND YOU CONTINUE TO PROCLAIM YOUR UNDYING LOVE FOR VLADIMIR PUTIN,



THEN YOU PROBABLY SHOULDN'T ACT TOO SURPRISED WHEN PEOPLE WONDER IF MAYBE, JUST MAYBE, MANAFORT WAS WORKING FOR THE RUSSIANS.

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

## Ridiculous posts

**I**PI's worst enemy could very well be our own lawmaker, Ed Propst, who seems to think that, whenever something goes wrong at the new casino, he needs to use it to volley for support and to create controversy and even hysteria on social media. He continues to raise questions but no answers with continuous pleas for OSHA, the feds or anyone to find the answer for him. If it was so important for him to ask if the work done by the non-certified construction workers was safe and reliable, why didn't he just go to OSHA and ask so he could post the answer to his own question. He wants to give the impression that he is so concerned about the safety and workers and the casino structure but hasn't even tried to get a single answer to his concerns. It seems that he is just using questions to get people upset and even hysterically mad by not giving an answer. If I'm not mistaken, his job is not just to raise questions but to also find answers or solutions. He needs to stop scaring people if he is not going to come up with some answers to his own questions. OSHA is doing its job just ask them. But he didn't go and ask any regulatory agency if they had checked and certified the structural integrity of the casino or anything.

Is he saying there haven't been any inspections of the work, the quality of the concrete and other aspects of the construction? If my home in Kagman was inspected for all of these things when it was being built I am sure they are not putting up a structure of this size and importance without making sure it is safe. I'm also sure any owner of such a structure would want to have everything inspected for his own protection of the investment.

Do you think someone who has put hundreds of millions into this casino want a faulty or unsafe casino? The owners of the casino are not stupid, I'm not stupid and a lot of other people are also not stupid enough to believe that IPI is not doing all it can to build the best and safest casino they can. Its subcontractors were the ones cutting corners, not IPI. It's really ridiculous for a lawmaker to make such foolish assumptions and suggestions without thinking things through or maybe he had an ulterior motive from the start that had nothing to do with safety like he alleges.

He claims to have spoken to some of the employees who say they are concerned but he didn't talk to the authorities who could tell him the structure was safe or not so he could tell the employees they need to worry or they don't need to worry. For me, he's just using issues to build anger and trepidation in people for his personal political gain, especially when he is a minority and can't get a darn thing done in the Legislature. He is grandstanding and asking others to do his job of getting the answers. My problem with this lawmaker is that if his so-called informative statements on Facebook are so important, why is he isn't putting out press releases like he should to reach all concerned citizens, instead of his friends on Facebook who will likely not challenge what he is saying. Like we say in the ghetto, he is preaching to his choir but doesn't want to share his message with the whole congregation.

This lawmaker needs to be reminded that Imperial Pacific is in the perfect position to be a real economic miracle for the CNMI and we need him to do all he can to help make it work, not for Facebook grandstanding. No one was more against the casino than me but I am a realist who understands that we have made a 40-year commitment that all of us, including the owners of

IPI, are committed to and depending upon to work. I have heard local people say *basta* (enough!) when they have gotten tired of some foolishness and it is becoming very clear to me that EP's Facebook posts deserve a *basta*!

He needs to start posting the fact that we have a real castle with a casino coming up in Garapan and that it is going to be a great addition to our tourist industry, to encourage visitors and not scare them away with fears about the safety of the building. He hasn't mentioned one thing about how IPI has already contributed to help in many financial matters and caused our tourist numbers to begin to increase and how the number is only going to grow because of IPI. I could go on and on about the positive things that will be a direct result of the casino but he chooses to create controversy and fear instead of doing his job to provide support and even legislation that will help to make the casino a success.

I am not against this lawmaker but I am for trying to maintain some form of basic segregation with the social and political fabrics of our society. Social media is for social issues, not politics. I can understand politics on social media during election and even when there are some important political announcements that need to be made. But to post every political thing you are doing should be on his political website, if he has one. Just as we have kept church and state separate, we need to try and keep social and political issues separate as much as possible because it is not healthy or good for the social fabric, especially when the politics are being used to create a mob mentality full of fear and even hate. Get with the program for the success of the casino!

**Ambrose M. Bennett**  
Kagman, Saipan

# The Weather

## 5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. east winds 5 to 15 mph. ▲ 89° ▼ 78°	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. east winds 5 to 15 mph. ▲ 89° ▼ 78°	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. ▲ 88° ▼ 78°	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. ▲ 88° ▼ 78°	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. ▲ 88° ▼ 79°

## YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



## PICTURE TIME: 6:53 AM, THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 2017

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Some reinforcing shots of midlatitude air will sustain the Mei-yu front near its present location. This will tend to keep the subtropical ridge over the far Northern Marianas which means dry season will maintain its iron grip on us. Light to gentle trade winds and combined seas of 2 to 4 feet will continue through the weekend. The only substantial change to the forecast was, due to the no-show of island convection yesterday, and the similar conditions today, removed it from the forecast. Most likely we will simply get cloud lines streaming off the islands, like yesterday, as the winds are just a little too strong.

*Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: [www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/](http://www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/)*

MICRONESIA	▲	▼	°F
Guam and Rota	Sunny	88	78 °F
Palau	Thunderstorms	85	77 °F
Yap	Thunderstorms	87	74 °F
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	86	81 °F
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	86	79 °F
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	86	80 °F
Majuro	Thunderstorms	85	80 °F

AROUND THE GLOBE	▲	▼	°F
Auckland	Cloudy	60	52 °F
Beijing	Rain	85	75 °F
Hong Kong	Thunderstorms	85	80 °F
Honolulu	Partly cloudy	83	73 °F
London	Partly cloudy	76	56 °F
Los Angeles	Partly cloudy	74	61 °F
Manila	Thunderstorms	88	79 °F
Melbourne	Mostly sunny	57	38 °F
Miami	Thunderstorms	86	78 °F
New York	Sunny	77	63 °F
Osaka	Sunny	79	60 °F
Paris	Thunderstorms	82	60 °F
Pusan	Sunny	82	57 °F
Rome	Mostly sunny	85	59 °F
Salem	Partly cloudy	68	52 °F
San Francisco	Partly cloudy	63	52 °F
Seoul	Sunny	80	57 °F
Tokyo	Partly cloudy	84	61 °F
Washington, DC	Mostly sunny	82	65 °F

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY FEET		
2:32 AM	HIGH TIDE	1.92
8:55 AM	LOW TIDE	0.86
1:45 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.38
8:20 PM	LOW TIDE	0.34

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	5:45 AM	6:44 PM
Saturday	5:45 AM	6:44 PM
Sunday	5:45 AM	6:44 PM
Monday	5:45 AM	6:45 PM
Tuesday	5:45 AM	6:45 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	-	12:40 AM	12:49 PM
Saturday	-	1:22 AM	1:39 PM
Sunday	-	2:02 AM	2:28 PM
Monday	-	2:41 AM	3:16 PM
Tuesday	-	3:20 AM	4:04 PM

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- \*11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at [www.nmicrimestoppers.net](http://www.nmicrimestoppers.net)

## FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF JUNE 1, 2017

DEPARTURES			ARRIVALS		
<b>SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)</b>			<b>GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN</b>		
UA6394 4:15am 5:05am Daily			UA6393 2:45am 3:35am Daily		
UA6392 8:40am 9:30am Daily			UA6395 7:15am 8:05am Daily		
UA6391 1:30pm 3:10pm 1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota			UA6391 12:10pm 1:00pm 1, 4, 5, 7		
UA6390 2:20pm 3:10pm 2, 3, 6			UA6390 12:10pm 1:50pm 2, 3, 6 via Rota		
UA6398 6:05pm 6:55pm Daily			UA6397 4:45pm 5:35pm Daily		
UA6396 9:50pm 10:40pm Daily			UA6399 8:30pm 9:20pm Daily		
<b>SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)</b>			<b>GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)</b>		
UA6391 1:30pm 2:05pm 1, 4, 5, 7			UA6390 12:10pm 12:45pm 2, 3, 6		
<b>ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)</b>			<b>ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN</b>		
UA6391 2:35pm 3:10pm 1, 4, 5, 7			UA6390 1:15pm 1:50pm 2, 3, 6		
<b>SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)</b>			<b>SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN</b>		
TW308 1:35am 5:20am 1, 2, 3, 4			7C3402 9:30am 3:00pm Daily		
OZ626 2:20am 6:00am 1			ZE581 10:10am 3:55pm Daily		
TW308 2:35am 6:20am 6, 7			TW307 7:00pm 12:35am+1 7		
OZ626 2:50am 6:30am 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7			TW307 7:05pm 12:35am+1 1, 2, 3		
7C3403 4:45am 8:30am Daily			OZ625 7:40pm 1:10am+1 7		
LJ652 5:20am 9:10am Daily			TW307 8:05pm 1:35am+1 5, 6		
7C3401 4:00pm 7:45pm Daily			OZ625 8:15pm 1:45am+1 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6		
ZE582 4:45pm 8:35pm Daily			7C3404 10:10pm 3:40am+1 Daily		
7C3404 10:10pm 3:40am+1 Daily			LJ651 10:50pm 4:20am+1 Daily		
<b>SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)</b>			<b>BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN</b>		
OZ608 3:10am 6:20am 4, 7			OZ607 9:05pm 1:55am+1 3, 6		
<b>SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)</b>			<b>BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN</b>		
MU764 1:30am 6:35am 3, 5, 7			MU763 4:25pm 12:30am+1 2, 4, 6		

# MVA joins embassy to plug ‘Travel to America’ in Russia

The Marianas Visitors Authority recently joined the B2B event “Travel to America” organized by the U.S. Embassy in Moscow and U.S. Consulate General in Vladivostok, Russia.

The event provided the MVA the opportunity to increase awareness of the Marianas in the travel trade and media community, to announce new developments to travel partners, and to build new business ties with participants.

The event was held on May 18, 2017, at the general ambassador’s residence along with the Guam Visitors Bureau, American Airlines, and Visit Anchorage.

“The ‘Travel to America’ was a great opportunity for the MVA meet personally with guests, answer their questions about travel to the Marianas, and distributed brochures and guidebooks about the islands,” said MVA managing director Christopher A. Concepcion. “According to our MVA team in Russia, guests showed strong interest in the Marianas. It was also an opportunity to meet with some key players in Far East Russia that could play a role in helping to revive the market.”

Over 50 representatives of travel agencies, tour operators, airlines and airport representa-



Trade marketing & PR executive Denis Nikolaev of the Marianas Visitors Authority's Russia office meets industry representatives at the B2B event “Travel to America” on May 18, 2017, at the U.S. general ambassador’s residence in Vladivostok, Russia.

tives, media and other companies of Vladivostok attended. Besides meetings with key travel trade partners, the MVA arranged negotiations with regional sales directors of S7 Airlines and Yakutia Airlines, the deputy director of Vladivostok airport, and the director of a major luxury tours and travel trade company.

To add a touch of island charm, the MVA helped guests send the Marianas gift cards with kind wishes to any person they want. (MVA)



U.S. General Ambassador Michael Keays, center, hosts the B2B event “Travel to America” on May 18, 2017, in Vladivostok, Russia. From left are head of MVA Vladivostok office Svetlana Vasilevskaya of the Marianas Visitors Authority's Russia office, Keays, and a lucky raffle prize winner.

## Chamber meeting on June 7

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce will have its monthly general membership meeting next week Wednesday, June 7, at the Saipan World Resort's Royal Taga Room. The occasion will also feature the announcement of its scholarship awards. Lunch will begin at 11:30am and the meeting will begin promptly at 12pm.

Wednesday's speakers will

include the following:

- Cathryn Javier, 2016 scholarship recipient
- Glen Hunter, Saipan Young Professionals mentor and The Shack owner
- Rosalyn Ajoste, Saipan Southern High School librarian, SYP member
- Kristal Johnson, SYP member and 2016 Koblerville Elementary School Teacher of the Year (PR)

**Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands  
Office of the Secretary of Public Works**  
2nd Floor Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan, MP 96950

**INVITATION FOR BIDS  
DPW-17-IFB-014**

**SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF A BACKHOE LOADER  
FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, SAIPAN**

Governor Ralph Dlg. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for Supply and Delivery of a Backhoe Loader for the Department of Public Works, Saipan Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after **June 2, 2017** at Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works, located on Second Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, San Jose, Saipan.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations currently in effect."

THE PROVISIONS OF THE CNMI PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIC SECTION 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITIES, KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.

Sealed bids must be marked "DPW-17-IFB-014". For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascension Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan, no later than **9:00 a.m. local time June 23, 2017**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 9:00 a.m. local time, **June 23, 2017**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **June 23, 2017** and the BID document must be received at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than July 5, 2017. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascension Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan, at **9:00 a.m. local time, July 7, 2017**. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at **9:30 a.m. local time, on July 23, 2017**.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. **Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashiers check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Surety requiring approval of the Attorney General must be pre-approved prior to bid submission.** Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations \$70-30.3-245. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than \$25,000.00. Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

- a) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and
- b) A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceed the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

Acceptable assets are only:

- 1) Cash
- 2) US Gov't Securities
- 3) Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
- 4) Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
- 5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is **Two Hundred Thirty (230) calendar days** upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages for delays beyond the established completion date will be assessed at the rate of **Three Hundred (US\$300.00)** for each and every day the work is delayed beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

JAMES A. ADA  
Secretary of Public Works

HERMAN S. SABLON  
Director of Procurement & Supply

**PUBLIC ASSISTANCE OFFICE, OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS  
RFQ17-GOV-151**

**CONSTRUCTION SERVICES**  
**Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity Contract**

Governor Ralph DLG. Torres and Lieutenant Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Public Assistance (PA) Office, (collectively, "Commonwealth") are soliciting sealed proposals from qualified contractors for the Supply of Materials, Labor & Equipment for the Repairs/Renovation and/or New Construction of Public Facilities as a result of Typhoon Soudelor (FEMA DR-4235-MP) for the islands of Saipan and Tinian, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, currently in effect, and with the Northern Mariana Islands Administrative Code (NMIC) §70-30-3-725 Gratuity and Kickbacks and §70-30.3-730 Prohibition Against Contingent Fees. Public law 15-95 Local Preference Act, as amended by Public law 15-118 does not apply to this federally funded project. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the CNMI.

The proposal package and Scope of Services will be available on Friday, May 19, 2017 at the Governor's Public Assistance Office, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, CNMI. A MANDATORY Pre-Proposal meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, May 31, 2017, at 10:00am at the Governor's Conference Room, Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP. Questions regarding the Request for Proposals must be submitted in writing to Ms. Reyna Saures, Public Assistance Officer, via email reynasaures.pa@gmail.com no later than 4 p.m., ChST, June 7, 2017.

The total proposal length shall not exceed 15 pages in length. Note, a firm that submits a proposal as a prime contractor cannot submit as a subcontractor on another proposal. However, as a subcontractor, a company may be included in multiple proposals by different contractors. Proposals will be evaluated and scored based on the following criteria:

1. Qualifications & Experience in Construction including Firm's Profile	30%
2. Work load and resources to accomplish work	30%
3. Past performance with the CNMI Government on similar projects	15%
4. Project and/or Management Approach	15%
5. Visual examples of previous works	10%

Performance time for completion of the repair, renovation, improvements, and/or new construction will be dependent on the type of project. Liquidated damages will be assessed and shall be the greater of (i) Two Hundred Dollars (US\$200.00), or (ii) two percent (2%) of the contract price divided by the number of calendar days of the contract time, the contract time and contract price being determined at the time of the assessment of liquidated damages for each and every day beyond the established completion date.

Discussions shall be conducted with the top five (5) ranked firms. The Public Assistance Office may elect to retain all of the top five (5) firms. The successful proposers will be subjected to a responsibility and responsiveness determination in compliance with Section 70-30.3-245 of the CNMI Procurement Regulations. Depending on the number of projects, the Public Assistance Office will request each firm to submit a price quotation for these projects and selection will be based on the lowest cost.

Proposals must be sealed and marked RFQ17-GOV-151, SUPPLY OF MATERIALS, LABOR AND EQUIPMENT FOR VARIOUS PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROJECTS. For proposers within the CNMI, one (1) original and four (4) copies of the proposals must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, MP, no later than 10:00 a.m. ChST, June 16, 2017. Proposers located outside the CNMI shall obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a Notice of Intent to propose. Notices of Intent to propose must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m., ChST, June 16, 2017, and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For proposers located outside the CNMI, one (1) original and four (4) copies of the sealed proposals must be postmarked by the U.S.

Postal service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than, June 16, 2017, and must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than June 28, 2017. Failure to submit the required number of copies of the proposal may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

The Commonwealth reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfection in any proposal if, in its opinion to do so would be in the best interests of the CNMI government. All proposals shall become the property of the CNMI government.

/s/ Virginia C. Villagomez  
Governor's Authorized Representative

/s/ Herman S. Sablan  
Director of Procurement & Supply

# The ABC's of starting a business

By BEA CABRERA  
REPORTER

As a child, Ramona L. Jones' first love was science.

Her interest in understanding "what makes us who we are" made her want to be a genetic engineer or a neurosurgeon.

Today, she is not that. Instead, she runs a corporation as CEO of Jones & Guerrero Corp., which is based in Guam but also runs several businesses on Saipan, including KFC and Taco Bell. However, her early interest in science helps her run the company successfully by enabling her to apply the same pattern: "understanding what works in business."

"To anyone who would like to start their own business, my advice is to approach it in a clinical and scientific sense.

"First off, you are going into business because maybe you like the creative aspect of it, but the bottom line is, you want to make money. Study the money part of it. You are not getting a new hobby but a

business that has a potential of giving you financial freedom.

"Secondly, figure out your price point. You have to be able to explain to your customers why your product is expensive or less expensive.

"Third, look at your competitors because when you do, it will give you a clearer picture of your customers, cost of operations, and the amount of capital that you want to put out. It also gives you a chance to study their strengths and weaknesses.

"Lastly, hire an attorney and get a bookkeeper because handling business within the bounds of law and knowing the right numbers saves you money in the long run."

That clear vision guides Jones when she makes corporate decisions every single day.

She acknowledges, though, that this is not for everyone. It takes a different kind of mindset to get comfortable being in a high-stress environment, and in being in high-pressure situations.

"When a situation is presented to me, I just don't



Ramona L. Jones, CEO of Jones & Guerrero Inc., center, with some of the women in her team. "My team inspires me. Every person in our corporation counts."

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make a business decision. I act on it. I make it a point to understand every aspect of the opportunity. Then I study the data and numbers and have the confidence that it is on point and accurate.

After studying and gathering data, intuition and vision sets in. I believe in gut instincts and having a vision of what can be built with the decision. When all is aligned, I go out there and reach for it."

As in all businesses, careful planning sometimes does not produce the intended result. Some decisions go as planned and some decisions go otherwise.

and knowing this will help you go a long way."

Jones & Guerrero Corp. has recently ventured into real estate and rental property on island, producing work opportunities for many people and helping with the changing development landscape on the island.

**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY  
CNMI GOVERNMENT**

**INVITATION TO BID  
ITB NO.: ITB 17-BECQ/DCRM-155**

SUBMISSION DATE: JUNE 20, 2017 TIME: 10:30 A.M.  
"PURCHASE OF TWO (2) CLASS "I" VEHICLES, ONE (1) PICK-UP TRUCK 4 DOORS – CREW CAB AND ONE (1) PICK-UP TRUCK 4 DOORS – LONG BED FOR THE BECQ – DIVISION OF COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT"

COPIES OF THE SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE PICKED UP AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, LOCATED AT THE FORMER EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE, ASCENSION DRIVE, BUILDING NO. 1301, CAPITOL HILL, SAIPAN, DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

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/S/ FRANK M. RABAULIMAN  
ADMINISTRATOR, BECQ

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAM  
DIRECTOR, P&S

**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY  
CNMI GOVERNMENT**

**INVITATION TO BID  
ITB NO.: ITB 17-CCC-152**

SUBMISSION DATE: JUNE 20, 2017 TIME: 9:00 A.M.  
"PURCHASE OF TWO (2) NETWORK SERVERS FOR COMMONWEALTH CASINO COMMISSION"

COPIES OF THE SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE PICKED UP AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY LOCATED AT THE FORMER EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE, ASCENSION DRIVE, BUILDING NO. 1301, CAPITOL HILL, SAIPAN, DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

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/S/ JUAN M. SABLAM  
CHAIRMAN, COMMONWEALTH CASINO COMMISSION

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAM  
DIRECTOR, P&S

**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY  
CNMI GOVERNMENT**

**INVITATION TO BID  
ITB NO.: ITB 17-COTA/FTA-148**

SUBMISSION DATE: JUNE 19, 2017 TIME: 10:30 A.M.  
"PURCHASE OF TWO (2) MEDIUM-DUTY LOW FLOOR ADA ACCESSIBLE TRANSIT BUS FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OFFICE OF TRANSIT AUTHORITY"

THE SPECIFICATIONS FOR THIS PROJECT WILL BE AVAILABLE ON OR AFTER MAY 19, 2017 AT COTA, OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, 2ND FLOOR SUITE 216 MARINA BUSINESS PLAZA, NAURU LOOP, SUSIPE, SAIPAN.

THIS IS FEDERALLY FUNDED PROJECT; BIDDERS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH FTA FEDERAL CONTRACT CLAUSES AS APPLICABLE.

THE PROVISIONS OF THE CNMI PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS NMIAIC SECTION 70-30.3 – 725 AND 70-30.3-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITIES, KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.

THE CNMI GOVERNMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS; OR PORTIONS THEREOF, AND WAIVE IMMATERIAL DEFECTS IF TO DO SO WOULD BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CNMI GOVERNMENT.

/S/ ALFREDA P. CAMACHO  
SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

/S/ HERMAN SABLAM  
DIRECTOR, P&S

**COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS  
NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION**

P.O. BOX 500514, Saipan, MP 96950-0514  
Email: nmhc@nmhc.gov.mp • Website: http://www.nmhc.gov.mp

**INVITATION FOR BID  
NMHC IFB 2017-001**

(This ad is paid for by NMHC with HUD funds.)

BID SUBMISSION DATE: TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 2017 • TIME: 10:00 AM

**“DIVISION OF YOUTH SERVICES (DYS) CENTER REPAIRS”**

Bid packets will be available on Monday, May 22, 2017, at the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, Saipan, during regular working hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) Monday thru Friday except CNMI holidays. A non-refundable payment of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) is required for each set. Payment shall be by cash, credit card, money order or cashier's check (payable to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation).

A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 8, 2017, at the NMHC Conference Room, and all interested bidders will be given the opportunity to walk through the proposed site, familiarize themselves with the required work and ask questions regarding the project. Attendance at this conference and site visit are considered essential to the bidders' understanding of the project elements and a company that does not have a representative in attendance at the pre-bid conference will be considered as a non-responsive bidder. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing to Mr. Jesse S. Palacios, Corporate Director of the NMHC, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, or faxed to (670) 234-9021 no later than 10:30 a.m. local time, Thursday, June 22, 2017.

This project is funded by a grant from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), under its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

The provisions of the CNMI Procurement regulations, NMIAIC SECTION 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 Prohibiting Gratuities, Kickbacks and Contingent Fees shall apply.

For more information, contact Ms. Jocelyn C. Seman, Procurement Officer, or Mr. Jacob J. Muna, Planner/Environmental Officer at (670) 234-6866/7689 during regular business hours, 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, except CNMI holidays.

/S/ Benjamin K. Petersburg  
Acting Board Chairman &  
Contracting Officer

/S/ Herman S. Sablan  
Division of Procurement & Supply

**MEETING NOTICE**

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, the Marianas Visitors Authority, hereby gives notice that a Regular Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 6, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in the MVA Conference Room, San Jose Professional Building Saipan, MP 96950.

**MEETING AGENDA**

- 1) Preliminary Matters
  1. Call to Order
  2. Roll Call
  3. Adoption of Agenda
  4. Adoption of Minutes
    - a. Regular Board Meeting – April 26, 2017
- 2) Public Comments
- 3) Committee Reports
  1. Finance –
    - a. FY2016 Audit Report
    - b. Fund Status Report
- 4) New Business
  1. Trip Advisor – Proposal
  2. Safety Tips Video
  3. Grant Agreement for Oleai Sport Complex Renovation
- 5) Old Business
  1. Destination Enhancement Projects
    - a. 500 Sails
  2. Marianas International Film Festival – Revised Proposal
  3. MVA Philippine Office
- 6) Miscellaneous/Announcements
- 7) Executive Session
- 8) Adjournment

/S/ Marian Aldan-Pierce  
Chair, MVA Board of Directors

**Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality**

Division of Coastal Resources Management  
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www.crmr.gov.mp

Frances A. Castro  
Director

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) will be holding a public hearing for the proposed Saipan Housing Project by Zone D Development Ltd. dba Good Dynasty Ltd. Zone D Development Limited is proposing to construct six 3-story, single family residential dwellings, 12 parking stalls (two for each unit), lighting poles, landscaping, and 16 feet wide paved driveway or travel lanes. The project site is situated on private lot numbers 458-NEW-1, 458-NEW-2, and 458-NEW-3 measuring a total area of about 4,076 square meters in Chalan Piao, Saipan.

A public hearing is scheduled for June 19, 2017, 5:00PM at the BECQ Main Conference Room, 2nd Floor.

Written comments may be submitted to the DCRM Office, Suite 305, Gualo Rai Center, Middle Road, Gualo Rai, Saipan, or mailed to the Division of Coastal Resources Management, Caller Box 10007 or by fax at 664-8315. The project file is open for review and comments during regular business hours from 7:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M., Monday thru Friday. All written and oral comments received by DCRM will be included as part of the permit application record and will be considered in any decisions concerning the proposed projects.

Please contact the DCRM at 664-8300/1 if you have any questions or would like to learn more about the Zone D Saipan Housing project.

/S/ Frances A. Castro  
Director  
Division of Coastal Resources Management

# Final 'Taste' expands culinary explorations



Ali'i's Polynesian dance group entertain the crowd at the 19th Annual Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival and Beer Garden at Garapan Fishing Base, Saipan, on May 27, 2017.

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The final night of 19th Annual Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden highlighted the culinary ingenuity of some of the best up-and-coming junior chefs in the Marianas.

The annual Chefs Competition, jointly organized by the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands and Triple J Five Star Wholesale Foods, was held on Saturday, May 27, and featured live cooking on-site for the first time.

Antonio Agulto Jr. of Hyatt Regency Saipan won first place. In second place was Sonny Encarnacion of Kanoa Resort, while in third place was Vicente M. Montoya of Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan.

Junior chefs from participating hotels were challenged to prepare a dish using this year's featured cut, bottom butt flap. Chefs also selected local vegetables and herbs from Garapan Public Market, with at least two items incorporated. The top three winners won cash prizes, trophies, certified Angus beef items, and the opportunity to participate in this year's CNMI Next Top Chef competition.

"Bottom butt flap is an interesting name for a cut of certified Angus beef that has a wonderful meaty flavor and fine texture when carefully prepared," said Triple J Five Star Wholesale GM Jay Santos. "We're excited with what the junior chefs came up with to feature this increasingly popular cut."

"This year we explored some new ways of making 'Taste' even better than ever," said Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Christopher A. Concepcion. "We have the Chefs' Competition live for the first time onsite,

we added live competitions for *kadun pika* [spicy chicken] and barbecue pork ribs, and we had live demonstrations of making *apigigi* and *titiyas*. Of course, the entertainment was diverse and exciting. I have to commend our MVA team and our partners for really putting together a great event enjoyed by visitors and residents alike."

"And we're not done creating opportunities for people to explore the Marianas with their taste buds. The MVA has something else brewing..." Concepcion added cryptically.

Fourteen food and three beverage vendors participated in the MVA's annual signature event, which fea-

tured international cuisine at affordable prices from hotels and restaurant vendors, non-stop live entertainment on the main stage, nightly contests on the secondary stage, and arts and crafts sales.

Participating food vendors were Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan, Hyatt Regency Saipan, Kanoa Resort, Mariana Resort & Spa, Herman's Bakery, D'Elegance Cafe, Furusato Restaurant, Thai House, Tropical Chills, Sierra's Pearl Shake, Sweet Escapes, Matty's BBQ, Tony Roma's/Capricciosa, and Kin-pachi Restaurant.

Winners of the student "See My Marianas" Graphic Art Design Contest were also an-



Antonio Agulto Jr. of Hyatt Regency Saipan shows off his first place dish in the Chefs Competition at the 19th Annual Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival and Beer Garden at Garapan Fishing Base, Saipan, on May 27, 2017.

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nounced on the main stage at 8pm. The contest challenged students in grade 6-12 to use graphic design to promote their favorite sites in the Marianas. (MVA)

**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY  
CNMI GOVERNMENT**

**INVITATION TO BID  
ITB NO.: ITB17-BECQ/DCRM-156**

**SUBMISSION DATE: JUNE 20, 2017 TIME: 11:00 A.M.**

**"BOAT CHARTER AND ASSESSMENT SUPPORT FOR SITE VISIT TO PAGAN,  
CNMI FOR THE BECQ – DIVISION OF COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT"**

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*/S/ FRANK M. RABAULIMAN  
ADMINISTRATOR, BECQ*

*/S/ HERMAN SABLAN  
DIRECTOR, PROC. & SUPPLY*

**COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS  
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM**

P.O. BOX 501370 CK, SAIPAN, MP 96950  
HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICE

**PROMOTIONAL & OPEN COMPETITIVE  
EXAMINATION ANNOUNCEMENT  
HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICE**

It is the policy of the State Board of Education, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, that the Public School System (PSS), Human Resources Office shall be applied and administered according to the principles of equal employment opportunity. Applications shall be evaluated regardless of age, race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, political affiliation or belief, marital status, disability, or national origin.

Applicants for this position must be a U.S. Citizen or be eligible and authorized to work in the U.S., including the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands for the Public School System.

**POSITION/TITLE: Legal Counsel (Amendment II)**

EXAMINATION ANNOUNCEMENT NO.: PSS-2017-063  
OPENING DATE: May 16, 2017  
SALARY: PL/GRADE: **Ungraded**  
STEP(S): **Ungraded**; \$40,000.00-\$70,000.00 Per Annum  
BENEFITS: Salary commensurate with qualifications and experience, plus excellent benefits (including Life Insurance, Retirement Benefits, and Paid Leave/Holidays).  
LOCATION: PSS, Office of the Commissioner of Education

**QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:**

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# Asia

## Truck bomb kills 90, wounds hundreds in Afghan capital

**KABUL, Afghanistan** (AP)—A suicide attacker struck the fortified heart of the Afghan capital with a massive truck bomb Wednesday, killing 90 people, wounding 400 and raising new fears about the government's ability to protect its citizens nearly 16 years into a war with insurgents.

The bomber drove into Kabul's heavily guarded diplomatic quarter during the morning rush hour, leaving behind a bloody scene of chaos and destruction in one of the worst attacks since the drawdown of foreign forces from Afghanistan in 2014.

Most of the casualties were civilians, including women and children, said Ismail Kawayi, spokesman of the public health ministry. But the dead also included Afghan security guards at the facilities, including the U.S. Embassy, while 11 American contractors were wounded - none with life-threatening injuries, a U.S. State Department official said.

"I have been to many attacks, taken wounded people out of many blast sites, but I can say I have ever seen such a horrible attack as I saw this morning," ambulance driver Alef Ahmadzai told The Associated Press. "Everywhere was on fire and so many people were in critical condition."

There was no claim of responsibility for the attack, which came in the first week of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan. The Taliban flatly



Source: AP Tribune News Service

denied any involvement in an email to news outlets and condemned all attacks against civilians.

The explosives were hidden in a tanker truck used to clean out septic systems, said Najib Danish, deputy spokesman for the interior minister. The number of dead and wounded was provided by the Afghan government's media center, citing a statement from the Afghan Ulema Council, the country's top religious body that includes Muslim clerics, scholars and men of authority.

in religion and law.

The blast gouged a crater about 5 meters (15 feet) deep near Zanbaq Square in the Wazir Akbar Khan district, where foreign embassies are protected by a battery of their own security personnel as well as Afghan police and National Security Forces. The nearby German Embassy was heavily damaged.

Also in the area is Afghanistan's Foreign Ministry, the Presidential Palace and its intelligence and security headquarters, guarded by soldiers trained by the U.S. and its coalition partners.

"The terrorists, even in the holy month of Ramadan, the month of goodness, blessing and prayer, are not stopping the killing of our innocent people," said President Ashraf Ghani.

President Donald Trump spoke with Ghani after the attack, and Secretary of State Rex Tillerson condemned it as a "senseless and cowardly act."

"The United States stands with the government and the people of Afghanistan and will continue to support their efforts to achieve peace, security, and prosperity for their country," Tillerson said in a statement.

Afghanistan's war, the longest ever involving U.S. troops, has shown no sign of letting up, and the introduction into the battle of an Islamic State affiliate has made the country only more volatile.

## PH says 8 foreign fighters killed in southern siege

**MARAWI, Philippines** (AP)—Foreign fighters including Chechens and Arabs are among Muslim militants who were killed in weeklong fighting in a southern Philippine city that involved about 500 gunmen aligned with the Islamic State group, the Philippine defense chief said Thursday.

A Philippine air force plane dropping bombs on militants killed 11 soldiers and wounded seven others in "friendly fire" as government forces were struggling to rout the assailants in Marawi, the military said.

Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana said in a televised news conference that eight of the foreign militants slain in intense street combat included a Chechen, a Yemeni and several Malaysian and Indonesian fighters.

Lorenzana said that 25 other

militants who died in the fighting had been identified as Filipinos. There were a total of 120 militants killed since last Tuesday, when a failed government raid to capture one of Asia's top militants in Marawi triggered the siege of the city by the rebels. President Rodrigo Duterte declared martial law in the Mindanao region, the southern third of the Philippines, and poured in troops backed by airstrikes to push the attackers out of the city.

The Marchetti S-211 jet was on a bombing run over militant positions in Marawi on Wednesday when one bomb hit army troops locked in close-range combat with the extremists who have taken cover in buildings and houses, military spokesman Brig. Gen. Restituto Padilla said. The plane had made three successful bombing runs before

"Despite the stringent procedure followed, there happens even with the best of armed forces, a case of friendly fire hitting our own troops," Padilla told The Associated Press.

Military chief of staff Gen. Eduardo Ano has ordered an investigation partly to prevent another incident, Padilla said, as government forces, backed by more than 30 assault aircraft, continue to advance toward the remaining positions of the militants.

At least 25 soldiers and five policemen also have been killed in clashes.

# World

## South Sudan ethnic violence hits new high as civilians flee

**WAU, South Sudan**

(AP)—"He told me not to be afraid," Evelyn Juma says, remembering her husband. Tears stream down the young woman's face as she sits on her unmade bed, her newborn nursing at her chest. "That's the last thing he ever said to me."

On the morning of April 10, when South Sudan government soldiers broke into Juma's house in the northwestern town of Wau, the 24-year-old never dreamed it would be the last time she'd see her husband alive.

"They kept asking him if our neighbors were Nuer and which tribe we were from," she says. When her husband refused to turn over their friends, the soldiers forced him outside and shot him in the head.

"I heard the gunshot," Juma says, staring at her tiny daughter. She gave birth to the child, her first, just three days later.

At least 16 civilians were killed in Wau that day in what Human Rights Watch has called an "act of collective punishment, with soldiers taking revenge against unarmed civilians based on their ethnicity."

What happened in Wau is not an isolated incident, according to human rights groups. Across South Sudan, accounts of government soldiers killing civilians based on their tribe are driving the country deeper into despair.

The world's youngest

nation in May reclaimed the number one spot on the world's Fragile States Index, compiled by the Washington-based non-profit The Fund for Peace. Violence in April escalated to its highest level in more than three years, according to ACLED, a nonprofit focused on armed conflict and data collection.

South Sudan's civil war, now into its fourth year, has killed more than 50,000 people and plunged parts of the nation into famine. It's being called a man-made disaster, and civilians and aid groups are largely holding government soldiers responsible.

A doctor who has worked at one of Wau's hospitals since the beginning of the conflict says the only casualties he's ever treated are civilians. A wounded government soldier has never walked through the door, he says. He spoke on condition of anonymity for fear of reprisals.

According to South Sudan's independent Human Rights Observatory, 473 civilians were unlawfully killed across the country in April alone. Accounts of execution-style murders, the burning of bodies and revenge attacks were the most common.

While opposition forces also have been blamed for some killings, the report concluded that the majority of deaths were caused by government forces and allied militias.

People from minority ethnic groups say they regularly lie to men in uniform when

asked about their ethnicity, for fear of being killed.

Panicked communities are seeking refuge in United Nations-protected camps or fleeing to neighboring countries. Wau's streets are now eerily bare. Shops are boarded shut, while rows of houses sit deserted.

Since the April clashes in Wau, aid workers have seen a 46 percent increase in the number of people who have fled to the local U.N. camp. Almost 40,000 people shelter there on the edge of town. It's the most congested U.N. protection site in the country, and thousands lack basic necessities such as shelter, clean water and food.

Yet most people say they'd rather live in squalor than in fear.

On the other side of the country, in the government-controlled city of Torit, similar stories of killings abound. An estimated 30 percent of the town's 180,000 people have fled to Kenya or Uganda. Government officials say they're running from hunger, yet locals say they're terrified.

"If you're a woman they'll rape you. If you're a man they'll kill you," Torit resident Felix Dickson says.

Earlier this month, Dickson's friend and neighbor was gunned down in his home. Dickson suspects that government troops are to blame, but as killings are so common he doesn't expect anyone will be held accountable.

### WORLD BRIEFS

#### 13 Turkish troops die in helicopter crash near Iraq border

**ANKARA, Turkey** (AP)—A Turkish military helicopter crashed Wednesday near Turkey's border with Iraq, killing all 13 personnel on board, the military said. The crash occurred in the border province of Sirnak, where Turkish troops are engaged in operations against Kurdish militants. But a military statement said the crash appeared to be accidental, with initial information indicating that the AS 532 Cougar had hit a high-voltage transmission line shortly after taking off from a base in Sirnak's Senoba region.

The military didn't provide information on the victims. The private DHA news agency, however,

said the helicopter was carrying a delegation, headed by a major-general, which was inspecting the Senoba region. Other media reports said there were six other officers on board. The helicopter crashed at 8:55 p.m. (1755 GMT), the military said, adding that an investigation was underway. Defense Minister Fikri Isik and other government ministers immediately left the capital, Ankara, for Sirnak, DHA reported.

#### Pilot 'disorientation' cited in Russian military choir crash

**MOSCOW** (AP)—A commission investigating last year's crash of a plane that killed 92 people including members of Russia's renowned army choir says

it may have been caused by pilot disorientation. The Defense Ministry's Tu-154 crashed into the Black Sea about a minute after takeoff from Sochi on Dec. 25, killing all aboard. State news agency Tass on Wednesday cited the ministry as saying the commission found that "the crash could have been caused by spatial disorientation (situational unawareness) of the pilot." It didn't elaborate on that suggestion. It also ruled out "external factors." Officials said previously there was no evidence of an explosion on board. Among the dead were members of the Alexandrov Ensemble, widely called the Red Army Choir, who were to perform at a Russian base in Syria.

# Focus

**P** YONGYANG, North Korea (AP)—Early one winter morning, Kim Jong Un stood at a remote observation post overlooking a valley of rice paddies near the Chinese border.

The North Korean leader beamed with delight as he watched four extended range Scud missiles roar off their mobile launchers, comparing the sight to a team of acrobats performing in unison. Minutes later the projectiles splashed into the sea off the Japanese coast, 1,000 kilometers (620 miles) from where he was standing.

It was an unprecedented event. North Korea had just run its first simulated nuclear attack on an American military base.

This scene from March 6, described in government propaganda, shows how the North's seemingly crazy, suicidal nuclear program is neither crazy nor suicidal. Rather, this is North Korea's very deliberate strategy to ensure the survival of its ruling regime.

Back in the days of Kim Il Sung, North Korea's "eternal president" and Kim Jong Un's grandfather, the ruling regime decided it needed two things to survive: reliable, long-range missiles and small, but potent, nuclear warheads. For a small and relatively poor country, that was, indeed, a distant and ambitious goal. But it detonated its first nuclear device on Oct. 9, 2006.

Today, North Korea is testing advanced ballistic missiles faster than ever - a record 24 last year and three in just the past month. With each missile and each nuclear device, it becomes a better equipped, better trained and better prepared adversary. Some experts believe it might be able to build a missile advanced enough to reach the United States' mainland with a nuclear warhead in two to three years.

So forget, for the moment, how erratic Kim Jong Un and his generals may seem. North Korea conducted two nuclear tests last year; one was of the strongest nuclear device it has ever detonated and the other, Pyongyang claims, of its first H-bomb. The U.S. for its part is also escalating - in an explicit warning to Pyongyang, it successfully shot a target ICBM launched from a Pacific island out of the sky with a California-based interceptor missile on Tuesday.

The question is this: if war breaks out and North Korea launches a pre-emptive nuclear strike on an American military base in Japan—for real—would the U.S. recoil and retreat? Would it strike back, and risk losing Washington, D.C. in a second wave of nuclear attacks?

For Pyongyang, forcing Washington to seriously weigh that calamity is a win. And it may become a real-world possibility on President Donald Trump's watch.

## RISING FROM THE RICE PADDIES

The 7:36 a.m. launch on March 6 was conducted in North Pyongan Province near North Korea's Sohae Satellite Launching Center. It sent the four Scuds into the ocean 300 to 350 kilometers (185 to 220 miles) from the coast of Japan.

## A NEW BALANCE OF TERROR:

# Why N. Korea clings to its nukes

Reporting on it the next day, North Korea's Rodong Sinmun, the ruling party's newspaper, stated it was not a test to see if the missiles would work, but rather a "drill" to train the troops who will "strike the bases of the U.S. imperialist aggressor forces in Japan in a contingency."

To back that up, the North released several photos of Kim in a black overcoat holding a plastic pointer to a map laid out on a wooden table that showed the missiles' flight path and other data. Analyst Jeffrey Lewis and his colleagues at the Center for Non-proliferation Studies in Monterey, California, quickly realized the Scuds were on a trajectory that, with a simple southerly tweak, would have sent them raining down on Marine Corps Air Station, Iwakuni.

Iwakuni, located 50 kilometers (30 miles) southwest of Hiroshima on the southern tip of Japan's main island, is home to some 10,000 U.S. and Japanese personnel. It was used as a staging area during the 1950-53 Korean War, when it was called the "Gateway to Korea" by U.S. and U.N. forces, and continues to be one of the largest and most important U.S. military facilities in Japan.

Such an attack wouldn't need to be nuclear to be effective. The deadly Sarin nerve agent or some other chemical weapon could also cause tremendous casualties. But training a nuclear attack on Iwakuni had a special psychological twist for those who follow the ceaseless military game of cat and mouse in the region. North Korea's media stressed Kim was accompanied at the launch by nuclear weapons specialists.

"Before the Iwakuni simulation strike, U.S. and South Korean forces were conducting joint military drills, which involved F-35s based out of Iwakuni," said analyst David Schmerler, who works with Lewis. "As the U.S. and South Korea were practicing their military drills in the event of a conflict on the peninsula, the North Koreans, in turn, practiced their strike plans."

The U.S.-South Korea drills reportedly included an F-35 stealth fighter "decapitation strike" on Kim Jong Un and his top lieutenants.

Kim, apparently, was practicing how to take them out first.

## WHY THIS COULD ALL GO NUCLEAR: THREE SCENARIOS

The Cold War concept of "mutually assured destruction" that kept the United States and the Soviet Union from attacking each other requires a "balance of terror" to encourage restraint: Once each side has attained a certain level of destructive power, neither will attack because they are convinced that neither will survive.

North Korea doesn't have that assurance. If a war were to break out now, it could very well be destroyed. That's the way things have been for decades.

But here's where the urgency comes in for the United States and its allies. If North Korea succeeds in building nuclear-tipped ICBMs that can reach the U.S. mainland, the dynamic in a contingency would be highly volatile.

A nuclear-armed North Korea would have a strong incentive to go nuclear quickly and go nuclear first if it believed, correctly or not, that it was about to be attacked. But that also would increase Washington's first-strike incentive, since it doesn't want its strategic advantage taken away by a surprise attack on its own cities or military bases.

So both sides have good reason to be trigger happy.

Bruce Bennett, a leading North Korea expert and senior defense analyst with the RAND Corporation, offers these possible scenarios:

- Consider a case in which North Korea has a stockpile of nuclear warheads and the ability to launch them from submarines or remote, hard-to-detect sites on land. Fearing an attack from the U.S., it launches a pre-emptive nuclear strike on the South Korean port of Busan, then tells the United States that if there is any nuclear retaliation, it will fire nuclear weapons at U.S. cities.

Would Donald Trump, or whoever follows him, back away? Would he risk losing Los Angeles, or Chicago, to defend America's allies?

- Or North Korea tries another ballistic missile launch like the one on March 6. This time, just before the missiles hit the water near Japan, a nuclear weapon on one or more of the missiles detonates, Downing a few commercial aircraft or sinking some cargo ships. This would convince the world that Kim Jong Un has a real nuclear arsenal and isn't shy about using it.

Would Trump react with a nuclear attack on North Korea?

- Now, picture war breaking out on the Korean Peninsula. North Korea, to convince the United States not to intervene, launches an ICBM that appears to be coming down short, well west of California. But on the way down it bursts in a nuclear explosion, possibly causing some damage to U.S. territory. Pyongyang then threatens more serious damage to the United States if there is any nuclear retaliation or U.S. intervention in the conflict.

Is the U.S. president going to risk millions of people dead and major cities destroyed?

"With the weight of history

on his shoulders, how would a U.S. president respond?" Bennett asks. "How should he respond?"

## GOOSE-STEPPING TO THE 'FINAL VICTORY'

It's mid-morning on April 15, the "Day of the Sun," the 105th anniversary of Kim Il Sung's birth.

Some 100,000 North Koreans are amassed in Kim Il Sung square waving plastic bouquets and holding up lettered cards to create designs like the ruling party's hammer, sickle and brush logo when seen from the balcony of the Grand People's Study House. That's where Kim Jong Un is standing.

Kim watches as military units from each branch of his million-man armed forces goose-step by in what North Koreans like to call "single-minded unity." He then smiles and applauds at the most varied array of missiles and their transport vehicles the North has ever displayed.

The message of the parade, held before reporters from all over the world, is clear. North Korea is, or is near to being, able to launch a pre-emptive strike against a regional target. It is preparing to withstand a retaliatory follow-up attack if it does, and it is building the arsenal it needs to then launch a second wave of strikes, this time at the U.S. mainland.

Unlike the Soviet Union, North Korea can't annihilate the United States. But if it can clear those

three steps, it could conceivably destroy a major U.S. military base in the region or a city on the U.S. mainland.

This vision of a new "balance of terror" built to its crescendo as six submarine-launched "Pukguksong" missiles and their land-based cousin, the "Pukguksong 2," rumbled through the square.

Submarines are the ultimate stealth weapon, mobile and notoriously hard to find. North Korea is believed to have one experimental ballistic missile submarine, and this missile would go in its silos. The Pukguksong 2, meanwhile, represents advances on the ground. It uses solid fuel, which means it can be stored and hidden, is ready for rapid launch and fits on a transport vehicle that can be deployed off-road in rough terrain. Kim Jong Un has ordered it be mass produced.

The big reveal came next.

No one really knew what it was until, in its first flight test a month later on May 14, it was sent an astounding 2,111 kilometers (about 1,240 miles) in altitude - higher than satellites in low Earth orbit. It remained airborne for 30 minutes before plunging to the Pacific. With great fanfare, the North's media declared it the "perfect weapon system" capable of carrying a "large-size heavy warhead."

Many analysts believe the missile—which the North calls "Hwasong 12"—could be a stepping stone to the ICBM North Korea needs to attack the U.S. mainland. Kim Jong Un was on hand for its early morning launch, too. He hugged his elated rocket scientists and, according to his official media, claimed he can now hit the United States with an "all-powerful means for retaliatory strike."

That is bravado. For now. The missile's estimated striking range is 4,500 kilometers (2,800 miles), give or take.

But, put another way, it's halfway to Chicago.

**AP**  
In this April 15, 2017, file photo, North Korean leader Kim Jong Un is seen in silhouette as he waves during a military parade in Pyongyang, North Korea to celebrate the 105th birth anniversary of Kim Il Sung, his grandfather.



# Science & Technology

## Nest security camera knows who's home with Google face tech

By MICHAEL LIEDTKE  
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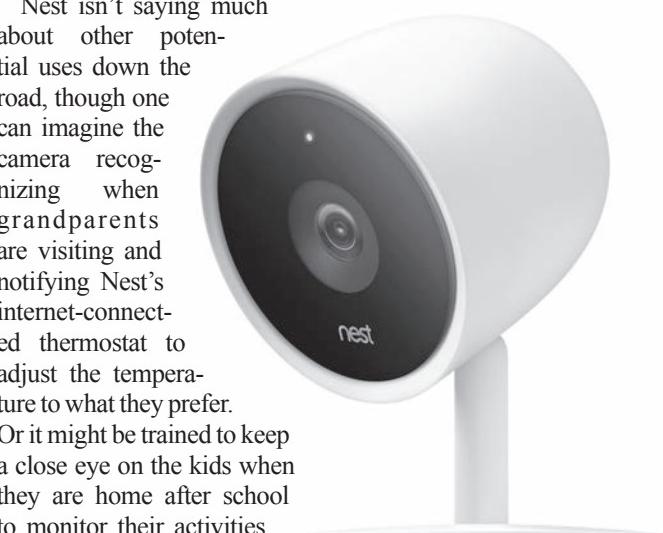
**SAN FRANCISCO** (AP)—Nest Labs is adding Google's facial recognition technology to a high-resolution home-security camera, offering a glimpse of a future in which increasingly intelligent, internet-connected computers can see and understand what's going on in people's homes.

The Nest Cam IQ, unveiled Wednesday, will be Nest's first device to draw upon the same human-like skills that Google has been programming into its computers - for instance, to identify people in images via its widely used photo app. Facebook deploys similar technology to automatically recognize and recommend tags of people in photos posted on its social network.

Nest can tap into Google's expertise in artificial intelligence because both companies are owned by the same parent company, Alphabet Inc.

With the new feature, you could program the camera to recognize a child, friend or neighbor, after which it will send you notifications about that person being in the home.

Nest isn't saying much about other potential uses down the road, though one can imagine the camera recognizing when grandparents are visiting and notifying Nest's internet-connected thermostat to adjust the temperature to what they prefer. Or it might be trained to keep a close eye on the kids when they are home after school to monitor their activities



and send alerts when they're doing something besides a list of approved activities.

### THE COST OF FACIAL RECOGNITION

The new camera will begin shipping in late June for almost \$300. You'll also have to pay \$10 a month for a plan that includes facial recognition technology. The same plan will also include other features, such as alerts generated by particular sounds - barking dogs, say - that occur out of the camera's visual range.

The camera will only

identify people you select through Nest's app for iPhones and Android devices. It won't try to recognize anyone that an owner hasn't tagged. Even if a Nest Cam IQ video spies a burglar in a home, law enforcement officials will have to identify the suspect through their own investigation and analysis, according to Nest.

### PRIVACY CONCERN

Facial recognition is becoming more common on home-security cameras. Netatmo, for instance, introduced a security camera touting a similar facial recognition system in 2015. That camera sells for about \$200, or \$100 less than the Nest Cam IQ.

The way that the Nest and Netatmo cameras are being used doesn't raise serious privacy concerns because they are only verifying familiar faces, not those of complete strangers, said Jennifer Lynch, who specializes in biometrics as a senior staff attorney for the Electronic Frontier Foundation, a digital advocacy group.

But Lynch believes privacy issues are bound to crop up as the resolution and zoom capabilities of home security cam-

eras improve, and as engineers develop more sophisticated ways of identifying people even when an image is moving or only a part of a face is visible. Storing home-security videos in remote data centers also raises security concerns about the imagery being stolen by computer hackers. "It definitely could become a slippery slope," Lynch said.

The privacy issues already are thorny enough that Nest decided against offering the facial recognition technology in Illinois, where state law forbids the collection and retention of an individual's biometric information without prior notification and written permission.

### FURTHER DETAILS

Nest's \$10-a-month subscription includes video storage for 10 days. Video can be stored up to 30 days with an upgrade to a subscription plan costing \$30 per month.

The high-end camera supplements lower-resolution indoor and outdoor cameras that Nest will continue to sell for almost \$200. Neither of the lower-end cameras is equipped for facial recognition.

This photo provided by Nest Labs shows the Nest Cam IQ. Nest Labs is adding Google's facial recognition technology to a high-resolution security camera that will provide a glimpse at the potential for increasingly intelligent, internet-connected computers to see and understand everything going on in people's homes.



## A revolution in resolution

*A new technology – cryo electron microscopy – has revolutionized the study of complex molecules and viruses; researchers now map them with near-atomic precision.*

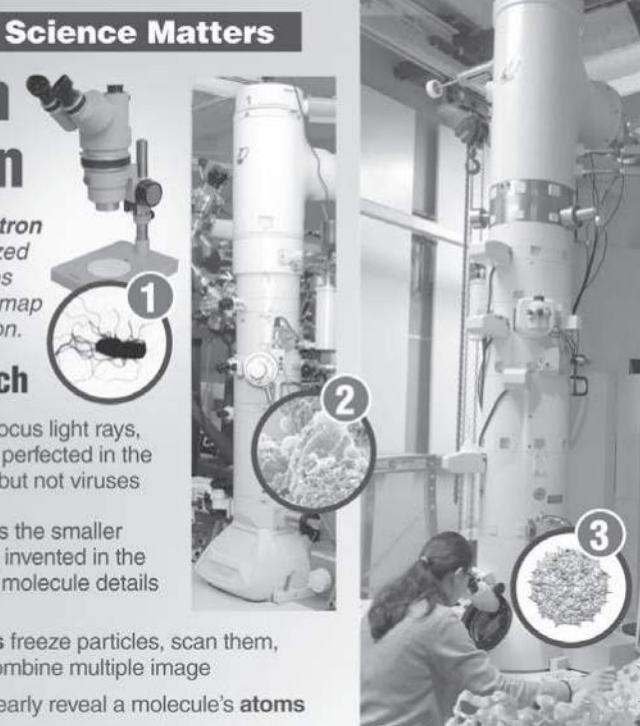
### Microscopes' march

**1** Light microscopes, which focus light rays, were invented in the 1600s and perfected in the 20th century; can see bacteria but not viruses

**2** Electron microscopes focus the smaller wavelengths of electron beams; invented in the 1940s; can see viruses but not molecule details

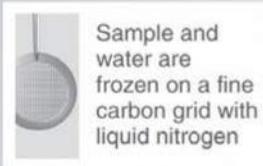
**3** Cryo electron microscopes freeze particles, scan them, then use computing power to combine multiple images

First done in 1984; today, can nearly reveal a molecule's atoms

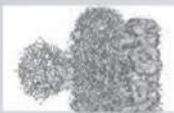


## Creating a cryo EM image

Method protects sample from damage when frozen

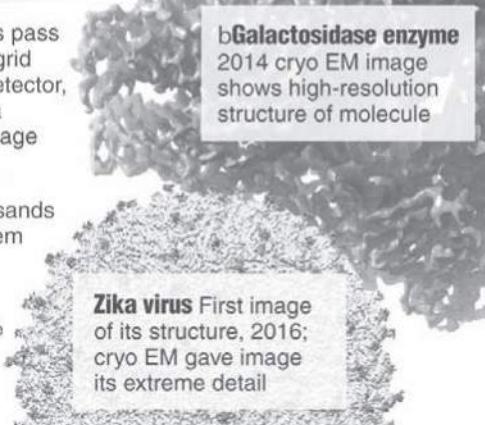


Electrons pass through grid onto a detector, making a digital image



Computer combines thousands of views and sharpens them into a single image

**bGalactosidase enzyme**  
2014 cryo EM image shows high-resolution structure of molecule



Source: Structural Genomics Consortium, University of Oxford; Veronica Falconieri of U.S. National Cancer Institute (enzyme); Kuhr and Rossman research groups and D. Sirohi of Purdue University (Zika); Jonathan Remis of Northwestern University; TNS Photos  
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**Zika virus** First image of its structure, 2016; cryo EM gave image its extreme detail

## TECH Q&A: Here's how you can be safe on public Wi-Fi

By STEVE ALEXANDER  
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

**Q: I recently retired and plan to spend time at recreational vehicle parks. Most of these parks have free Wi-Fi, but the passwords are often simple, such as 1111. A friend warned me against using these public Wi-Fi hot spots because of security concerns. I could use my cellphone to create my own private Wi-Fi hot spot, but that gets expensive because it uses up my data plan. What can I do?—Bob Hunter, Bloomington, Minn.**

**A:** Free Wi-Fi hot spots are notoriously unsafe because much of your data can be easily intercepted by hackers, who could snare your personal information and passwords, or put malicious software on your computer. The problem has been lessened by the decision of banks, large retailers and some email systems to encrypt communications with their websites, but much of the internet still doesn't have that protection.

You can avoid the hazards of public Wi-Fi networks by using a virtual private network, or VPN. It will funnel your internet data through an

encrypted (coded) connection to the VPN provider's server, where it is then passed on to its destination. Any communication from websites is channeled back through the VPN server to your computer. As a result, any hackers lurking on the public Wi-Fi hot spot are shut out.

Experts say that the safest VPNs are those that incorporate a "kill switch." If the VPN connection fails, the kill switch disconnects your computer from the internet before it can revert to an unprotected connection. Some VPN providers that offer kill-switch capability are PureVPN (\$71 a year, tinyurl.com/m2s6s54), IPVanish VPN (\$78 a year, tinyurl.com/zpo668c) and Private internet Access (\$40 a year, tinyurl.com/3lt9ynx).

There are still concerns about VPNs. Some experts fear that hackers will take advantage of the moments between when you connect to the internet and when your VPN service begins encrypting your data (see tinyurl.com/menjuq9). It's probably a small risk, but it's good to remember that no security software is foolproof.

**Q: I'm trying to wirelessly update my iPhone 6 and**

**iPad 4 to Apple's iOS 10.2.1 operating system from their present iOS 9.3.1. But I can only get as far as agreeing to the update; after that I get a message that the update can't install because I'm no longer connected to the internet—even though I'm connected by Wi-Fi. What can I do?—Margaret Millington, Minneapolis**

**A:** Apple's iOS 10.2.1 is no longer available, but you can upgrade to iOS 10.3.1. If the problem persists, remove the update from your phone and iPad and download it again.

To remove the update, go to Settings and tap "general," then tap "storage & iCloud usage." Under the "storage" heading, tap "manage storage." In the resulting list of apps, find the iOS update, tap it, then tap "delete update."

To download the update again, go to "Settings" and tap "general," then tap "software update." In the resulting menu, tap "download and install."

If that doesn't work, you will need to install the update by connecting your devices to iTunes on a computer. See tinyurl.com/nnojxm7 and scroll down to "update your device using iTunes."

# Off The Wall

## Shark leaps into boat and lands on Australian fisherman

### OFFBEAT BRIEFS

#### Twitter's famous shark swims again near Atlantic City coast

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP)—Scientists continue to track Twitter's favorite great white shark as it swims near the coast of New Jersey. The shark is known as Mary Lee and showed up in waters near Atlantic City on Wednesday morning. She was detected off the coast of Cape May with a male great white named Cisco on Saturday. Members of the nonprofit group OCEARCH have actively tracked Mary Lee since they tagged her in 2012. Mary Lee has logged close to 40,000 miles traveling along the East Coast since then. The great white's Twitter profile is managed by the non-profit group and has more than 100,000 followers.

#### Carriage horse breaks free, runs through rush hour traffic

NEW YORK (AP)—A New York City carriage horse is safely back in its stable after breaking free and running wild through rush hour traf-

fic. The horse, a 12-year-old mare named Goldie, broke free on Tuesday while being taken back to her stable in the Hell's Kitchen neighborhood of Manhattan. Witnesses say Goldie soon went into a full gallop, cutting off cars and running across streets. After running eleven blocks, Goldie returned to her stable on her own. She was not injured.

A carriage driver says it wasn't that big of a deal and tells WNBC-TV that Goldie probably wanted some exercise after a slow day at work.

#### Hot air balloon crashes after couple gets engaged on board

EDMONTON, Alberta (AP)—A romantic moment aboard a hot air balloon nearly ended in tragedy when the balloon crashed just moments after a couple got engaged on board. Christine Peters had just said yes to Stephen Peters' proposal in the sky near Edmonton, Alberta, in Canada on Saturday. She tells CTV Edmonton that the balloon then quickly began falling out of

the sky and the pilot told the 10 passengers aboard to brace themselves. Peters says the balloon landed in a tree. The pilot was able to free it for a bit before hitting another tree and then the ground. Peters says it dragged for another 100 to 200 feet before finally coming to a stop. No one was hurt. Martin tells CTV the crash has given him an "awesome" proposal story.

#### Philly's 'Rocky' statue closed 2 weeks for site improvements

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Yo, tourists! The Rocky statue in Philadelphia is off-limits once again. The statue of the fictional boxer is located near the Philadelphia Museum of Art, where Sylvester Stallone runs up the steps while training for big fights in various "Rocky" movies. The statue was off-limits to tourists at the end of April while crews tore down a temporary stage erected for the NFL Draft. On Tuesday, the city's Department of Parks and Recreation says the statue will be closed to tourists for two weeks.

#### CANBERRA, Australia

(AP)—A 73-year-old Australian fisherman said Monday that he caught a far bigger fish than he hoped for when a 2.7-meter (9-foot) great white shark leapt into his boat, knocking him off his feet.

Terry Selwood was left with a badly bruised and bleeding right arm where the airborne shark struck him with a pectoral fin as it landed on him on the deck of the 4.5-meter (15-foot) power boat Saturday off Evans Head, 725 kilometers (450 miles) north of Sydney.

Selwood sprung up on the gunnel at the bow of the boat to avoid the thrashing shark and steadied himself by

clinging to the tubular metal frame of the sun shelter, known as a bimini.

"I didn't give it a chance to look me in the eyes. I wanted to get up and get on top of the gunnel because it was thrashing around madly," Selwood told Australian Broadcasting Corp.

"Flash Gordon wouldn't have caught me," he said, referring to the athletic science fiction comic book hero of the 1930s.

Selwood used a hand-held radio to call the Evans Head coast guard and stayed on the gunnel until a rescue boat arrived.

Coast guard skipper Bill Bates said he misread the dan-

ger when Selwood reported his predicament.

"He said, 'I'm injured, I've broken my arm, I've got lacerations and there's a shark in my boat,'" Bates said.

"Often a fisherman will bring a small shark on board - maybe 2 or 3 feet (up to 1 meter) - and they're still ferocious. That's what I was expecting, but I was totally wrong," he added.

The coast guard crew rescued Selwood, but left the shark alone. The shark was estimated to weigh 200 kilograms (440 pounds).

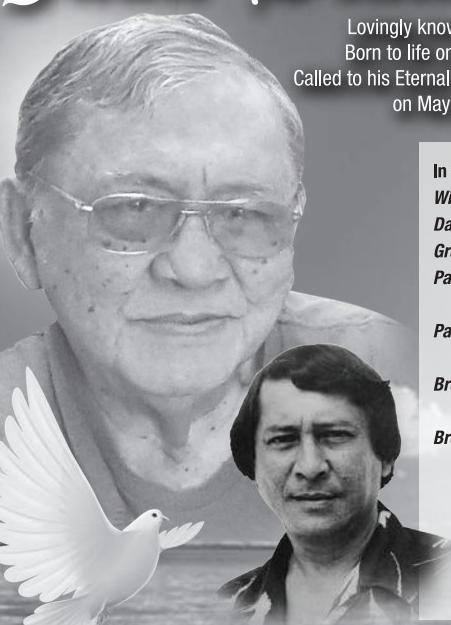
"The shark was thrashing inside the boat, taking up the entire deck area - there was no way you'd put a foot in there," Bates said.

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<b>Parents In-Law:</b>	†Silvestre Villagomez Castro †Dolores Pinaula Castro
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#### He will also be missed by his numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

Daily mass of intentions is being offered for the repose of his soul at San Roque Church at 6:00 pm up to Friday and rosary is at 7:00 pm. On Saturday (6/3), Mass of Intentions will be offered at 7:00 am and 9:00 am and rosary is at 7:00 pm. On Sunday (6/4), Mass of Intentions will be offered at 7:00 am and 9:00 am and rosary will be said at 7:00 pm. Funeral Services will be held on Monday, June 5, 2017. His remains will be escorted from CHCC at 7:30 am to San Roque Church. Responso Service and Holy Rosary will take place upon arrival of remains. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 am followed by Interment service at San Roque Cemetery where he will be at a peaceful rest with his wife, †Consolacion and his daughter, †Maria Dolores.

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"I've followed this company from the start and I'm grateful for their assistance with the Retirement Fund," added Cepeda, who previously worked for various companies such as the then-Continental Airlines, Triple B Forwarders, and CNMI Customs.

Cepeda has served to pro-



JON PEREZ

Imperial Pacific Resort's ivy-white façade.

tect the nation's freedom. He is a retired Army captain.

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# Imperial Pacific: Bringing in more jobs

## Lebanon bans the new "Wonder Woman" movie

**BEIRUT** (AP)—Lebanese authorities banned the new "Wonder Woman" movie Wednesday hours before it was due to premiere in the capital and following a campaign against its lead actress, Gal Gadot, who served in the Israeli army, a security official and activists said.

Cinemas in Beirut began removing the movie posters and cinema executives said the movie will not be shown because of the ban.

Lebanon is officially at war with Israel and the two countries have been through a number of wars. A particularly devastating 2006 war battered Lebanon's infrastructure and left hundreds of civilians killed.

The ban is in accordance with a decades-old law that boycotts Israeli products and bars Lebanese citizens from traveling to Israel or having contacts with Israelis. The of-

ficial says the ban issued by the minister of interior Wednesday has been relayed to the distribution company, which in turn have to inform the theaters planning to show the movie.

A premiere later Wednesday in Beirut was cancelled. An executive at the Grand Cinema chain said the company was planning to show the movie in 16 out of its 18 theaters around the country, but it would now be removed.

The security official said violators of the ban will have to face legal consequences, but he didn't specify. He spoke on condition of anonymity because the decision has not yet been published.

A campaigner against the movie, Rania Masri, hailed the decision to ban "Wonder Woman," saying it signaled respect for the law. She said there was much anticipation as the decision was last minute, just before the official

launch of the movie.

"Still, it was a joyous moment the minute the law was implemented," Masri, of the Campaign to Boycott Supporters of Israel - Lebanon told The Associated Press.

A similar campaign against another movie where Gadot played the role of Wonder Woman last year, "Batman v Superman," never turned into an outright ban. Masri said it was "different" this time because of a major media campaign against the movie that has helped push for the ban.

On its front page Wednesday, the leading al-Akhbar newspaper had a column titled: "The Israeli soldier. She has no place in Lebanon." The column featured a picture of Gadot carrying her Wonder Woman shield.

Warner Bros., which has released the film, declined comment.

Economy Ministry official

Alia Abbas told the AP that her department, which is responsible for enforcing the boycott of Israel, had delivered a request to ban "Batman v Superman" last year. But the ban didn't come together.

This time they presented their petition to the security agencies on Monday, she said.

Tensions have been rising between Israel and Hezbollah, with Israel reportedly bombing several Hezbollah targets in Syria in recent months. Israel has signaled that the targets were smuggling sophisticated weapons to Lebanon. Hezbollah officials said recently that they are not seeking war but are ready for it.

On her Facebook page, Gadot had praised Israel's military during the 2014 Gaza-Israel war, sending prayers to soldiers "who are risking their lives protecting my country against the horrific acts conducted by Hamas."

For the past three years and four months, Imperial Pacific has contributed a total of \$201.6 million into the local economy. This is from combined payments of Business Gross Rev-

enue Tax, corporate income tax, excise tax, casino license fee, Commonwealth Casino Commission operation fund, donations and payroll withholding tax. (*Press Release*)

## CNN sacks Kathy Griffin over Trump video as backlash builds

### NEW YORK

(AP)—Kathy Griffin has lost a decade-long gig ringing in the new year for CNN as a backlash builds over her video displaying a likeness of President Donald Trump's severed head.



"We were shocked and disappointed" by the video, said Bobby Edwards, the company's CEO. "It was deeply inappropriate and runs contrary to the core values our company stands for."

"I am a true supporter of free speech, but feel Kathy crossed the line," Edwards added. "I regret having to make these decisions, but have no choice."

Griffin's video made Trump seethe. Tweeting Wednesday morning, he said Griffin "should be ashamed of herself" for creating the video. "My children, especially my 11-year-old son, Barron, are having a hard time with this. Sick!"

First lady Melania Trump issued a statement of her own: "As a mother, a wife, and a human being, that photo is very disturbing. When you consider some of the atrocities happening in the world today, a photo opportunity like this is simply wrong and makes you wonder about the mental health of the person who did it."

# Jerry Garcia's guitar fetches \$1.9M at New York auction

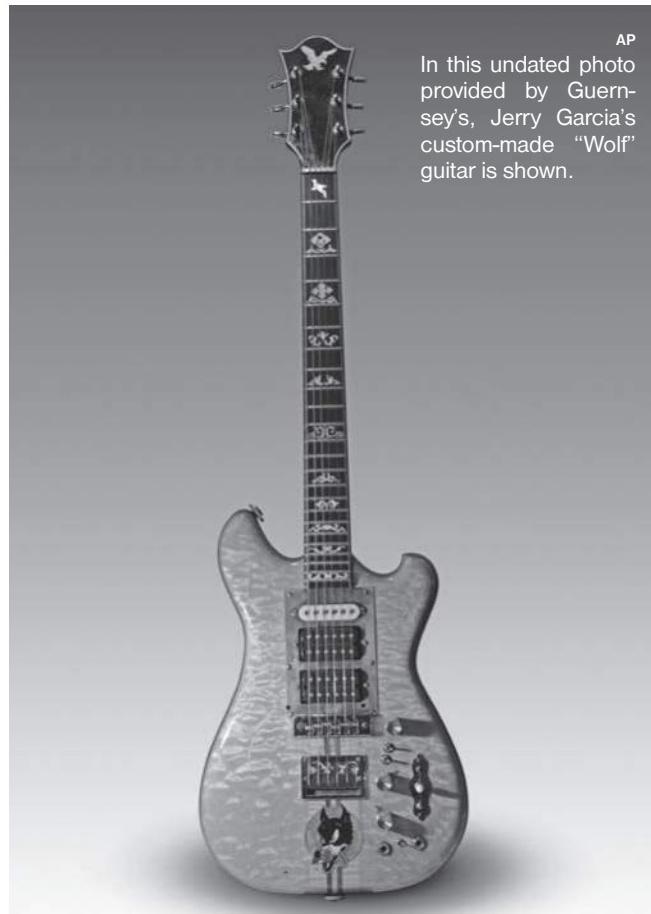
**NEW YORK** (AP)—A guitar that Jerry Garcia played everywhere from San Francisco's Winterland Ballroom to Egypt's Great Pyramids fetched over \$1.9 million at an auction Wednesday night.

The Grateful Dead frontman's guitar—named Wolf—was sold at the Brooklyn Bowl, a bowling alley, restaurant and music venue. The sale price includes the buyer's premium. The proceeds are earmarked for the Montgomery, Alabama-based Southern Poverty Law Center.

The guitar was owned by devoted Deadhead Daniel Pritzker, a philanthropist, musician and film director who bought the instrument in 2002 for \$790,000.

"I've been a fan of The Dead since I was a kid, and playing this iconic guitar over the past 15 years has been a privilege," said Pritzker. "But the time is right for Wolf to do some good."

SPLC President Richard



In this undated photo provided by Guernsey's, Jerry Garcia's custom-made "Wolf" guitar is shown.

Cohen said the organization is grateful Pritzker "is willing to part with this piece of music history to support the SPLC's mission fighting hate and bigotry."

The auctioneer says Wolf first

appeared in a 1973 New York performance the Grateful Dead gave for the Hells Angels.

The instrument bears a devilish looking, cartoon-like image of a wolf's face—eyes menacingly narrowed, ears

pricked up, red tongue hanging out, fangs at the ready.

The 1977 film "The Grateful Dead Movie" was directed by Garcia and features extensive footage of the instrument. Garcia died in 1995.

## Chloe Grace Moretz apologizes for ad accused of body shaming

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—Actress Chloe Grace Moretz and the creators of her upcoming animated film apologized Wednesday after promotional materials were criticized of body shaming women.

Moretz, 20, wrote on Twitter that she had talked to producers for the film "Red Shoes & the 7 Dwarfs" about the marketing choices, including a billboard appearing at the Cannes Film Festival last week. The ad depicted a tall, thin woman in red heels next to a shorter, heavier version of herself holding her heels. The tagline promoted a Snow White who was no longer beautiful.

A trailer posted by South Korea-based Locus Creative Studios showed two dwarfs hiding in Snow White's bedroom watching her undress after a night out. After kicking off her red heels, the Snow White character is shown as a heavier woman lounging in her underwear.

The company removed the trailer from its YouTube channel after social media users criticized the film's ads.



In this Sept. 7, 2016 file photo, Chloe Grace Moretz attends the Cartier Fifth Avenue Mansion grand reopening celebration in New York.

stands behind the film's script, which she says tells a powerful message to young women.

"The actual story is powerful for young women and resonated with me," Moretz wrote. "I am sorry for the offense that was beyond my creative control."

The film has no release date.

Moretz has starred in films including "Neighbors 2: Sorority Rising" and "Kick-Ass" and its sequel.

## Tony presenters will include Scarlett Johansson, Tina Fey

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Kevin Spacey will have some starry names helping him hand out Tony Awards: Orlando Bloom, Stephen Colbert, Tina Fey, Josh Gad, Taraji P. Henson, Scarlett Johansson, Anna Kendrick, Keegan-Michael Key and Ol-

ivia Wilde have all signed up to help present trophies.

Spacey, who won Oscars for the movies "The Usual Suspects" and "American Beauty" and a Tony Award in 1991 in Neil Simon's "Lost in Yonkers," is making his debut as

host of the telecast on June 11.

Tony nominees Josh Groban, Bette Midler and Ben Platt will also be on hand for the show, but Tony organizers haven't yet revealed what songs will be performed during the telecast.

## For Shakira, music takes backseat to motherhood

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Shakira may be a Grammy-winning, multiplatinum singer, but these days she's calling music a hobby.

Singing has taken a back seat to motherhood for the 40-year-old Colombian sensation, who has two sons, ages 4 and 2.

"For years I spent my life pressing pause on those things that are now my priority, like having a family. I pressed pause on that. Now, I hit play," Shakira said with a laugh. "I formed a family, and it's the most wonderful thing, the most important thing to me. And before, I used to be the center of my whole world and the beginning and the end, the alpha and omega of

my whole world, and now my kids and my family are that one priority."

Shakira said it was difficult to approach making new music after spending so much time with her family. When she started working in the recording studio, she said she dealt with writer's block and didn't want to be away from her children.

"I was in front of this white canvas and sort of panicking, and I was, at the same time, conflicted because I didn't want to stop spending time with my kids, but I also wanted to attend to my own needs as a creator, as an artist, as a producer," she said.

She decided to release music in her own way and at her

own pace. Instead of putting out a full album, she released songs when she wanted without announcing when an album would finally come.

"It completely changed my game and it incentivized me to make more music and not take this whole project as a whole body of work, but just concentrate all of my energy on each song and take and do all of the efforts but one song at a time ... instead of looking at this project like a big Everest mountain that I had to climb," she said. "I began to see it as a ... fun road trip."

"It was more fun than any of my previous albums because before I had many demands (and) requests by others," she added.

## College student living at home is ready to fly after graduation

**D**EAR ABBY: I am 21 and about to graduate from college. I have lived at home these last four years partly because my dad didn't want me to go away.

He never said it, but he made up reasons to make me stay at home. I was 17 and being manipulated and controlled. I tried to explain to him that I wanted to go away to learn independence, but he said I wasn't mature enough.

Now that I am about to graduate, I have been offered a job with a company in California. I am afraid to tell my parents about the news. I know that it's my life, but my father is a master of psychological manipulation. I want to finally get away from my parents' strict controlling and financial strings and start a stress-free life of my own. How do I explain this without them manipulating me all over again?

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**DEAR GRADUATE:** First, make up your mind that you ARE leaving. When you tell them, be sure to say how grateful you are for the love and support they have given you, but that you have been offered a job in the field for which you have studied and are now well-prepared enough to fly on your own.

Set a date to leave and do not allow yourself to be dissuaded, whether because of a guilt trip or any other ma-

nipulation. I'm not saying it will be emotionally easy, but for your own sake, you must do it.

**DEAR ABBY:** I have a single daughter in her early 30s. She's active in her church, goes out with friends and spends time with family. She's very attractive and has a wonderful personality.

Her siblings, cousins and friends are all married and most of them have children. She wants her own family and has tried the usual dating sites, but never gets any results.

I try to keep her spirits up. Her happiness is most important to me, not her marital status. How can I help her? I don't want to keep telling her the right one will come along when she wants a boyfriend now.

SINGLE GIRL'S MOM IN GEORGIA

**DEAR MOM:** Your daughter should start by asking her siblings, cousins and friends why they think she's still single when she wants so much to be married. Could the solution be something as simple as tweaking her profile? It may be that she needs to expand her interests and activities so she'll be out in the community more than she is.

If her friends and co-workers aren't already aware, she should ask if they know someone nice who's unattached.

## DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN  
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appearances and hit two of Houston's season-high six home runs to lead the Astros to their seventh straight victory, 17-6 over the Minnesota Twins on Wednesday.

Carlos Correa, Alex Bregman, Evan Gattis and Marwin Gonzalez also went deep for the Astros, who scored 40 runs in the three games to set a franchise record for runs in a series of any length. They had 19 hits on Wednesday and 37 in the series.

Brian Dozier, Eddie Rosario and Jason Castro homered for the Twins, who have lost four straight. Hector Santiago (4-5) gave up six runs and eight hits and walked three in six innings, three days after he was an emergency fill-in during the 15th inning of a loss to Tampa Bay.

Springer's two homers traveled an estimated 900 combined feet, including a moon shot off of Ryan Pressly in the six-run seventh inning that landed just short of the third deck in left-center field. That was measured at 473 feet, the second-longest homer in the majors this season behind a 481-footer by Arizona's Jake Lamb on April 29.

## Padres 2, Cubs 1

In San Diego, rookie Franchy Cordeiro tripled in the eighth and scored on Yangervis Solarte's fielder's choice as San Diego handed Chicago its season-high sixth straight loss.

Luis Perdomo and two relievers combined to hold the struggling Cubs to three hits. The rebuilding Padres won their season-high fourth straight game and swept the Cubs for the first time since Aug. 6-8, 2012.

The defending World Series champion Cubs, who were swept at the Dodgers during the weekend, finished their first winless trip of at least six games since Aug. 3-8, 2012, when they also lost three at Los Angeles and three at San Diego.

Overall the Cubs have lost seven in a row on the road.

## Orioles 10, Yankees 4

In Baltimore, Adam Jones homered and drove in five runs and Chris Davis added a two-run shot as Baltimore beat Masahiro Tanaka and New York.

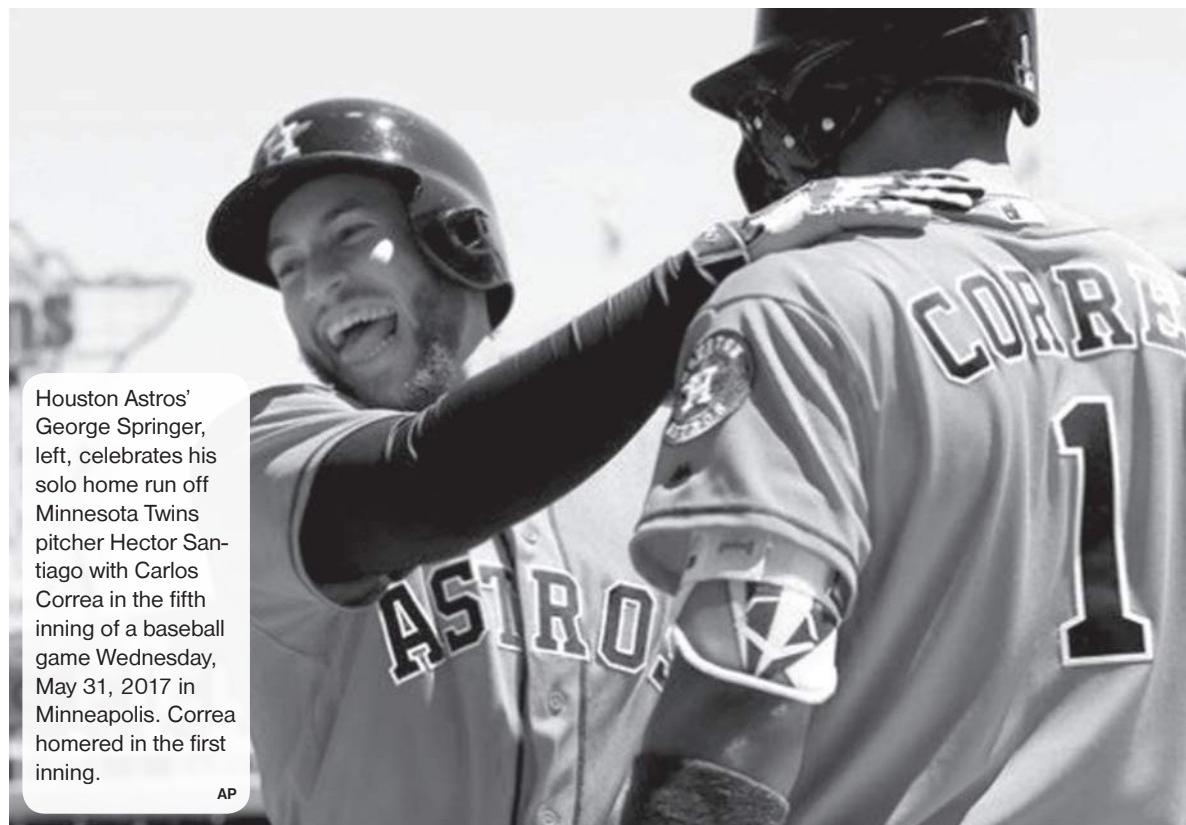
Baltimore took two of three from the AL East leaders after coming in with a seven-game losing streak. The Yankees have lost 11 straight series in Baltimore — the second-longest road skid in franchise history behind a 12-series drought at Oakland from 1985-91.

Back in the lineup after missing four straight games with a sore hip, Jones contributed an RBI double to a four-run third inning, hit a three-run homer in the fourth and drove in a run with an infield hit in the eighth.

## Cardinals 2, Dodgers 1

In St. Louis, Dexter Fowler hit a tie-breaking homer in the eighth inning to back Carlos Martinez and give St. Louis a victory over Los Angeles.

Martinez (4-4) allowed one run and four hits while striking out



Houston Astros' George Springer, left, celebrates his solo home run off Minnesota Twins pitcher Hector Santiago with Carlos Correa in the fifth inning of a baseball game Wednesday, May 31, 2017 in Minneapolis. Correa homered in the first inning.

AP

nine as he pitched eight innings to help St. Louis snap a three-game losing streak.

Ross Stripling (0-3) lost for the first time since April 26 as he allowed Fowler's seventh home run of the season, a 429-foot shot to right-center field. The Dodgers had their six-game winning streak end.

Seung-Hwan Oh pitched a scoreless ninth for his 12th save in 14 chances.

## Diamondbacks 6, Pirates 5, 14 innings

In Pittsburgh, Chris Owings singled home the go-ahead run in the 14th inning and Arizona outlasted Pittsburgh in a game that took more than 4½ hours to play — plus a 93-minute rain delay.

Paul Goldschmidt and Nick Ahmed homered for the Diamondbacks, who led in the ninth and 11th before finally putting away the Pirates. T.J. McFarland (3-0) pitched three hitless innings for the win.

Ahmed hit a solo shot in the 11th but Jordy Mercer tied the score in the bottom half with a home run of his own as steady showers began to fall. The game was delayed by rain after the 11th inning for 1 hour, 33 minutes.

## Blue Jays 5, Reds 4

In Toronto, Devon Travis hit a tie-breaking two-run home run in the seventh inning and Luke Maile also hit a two-run home run as Toronto beat Cincinnati to complete a three-game sweep.

Jason Grilli (2-4) pitched one inning for the victory as the Blue Jays won for the eighth time in nine games and finished May at 18-10. Toronto hit 49 home runs in May, going deep in 18 of its final 20 games.

Joe Smith worked the eighth and Roberto Osuna survived a shaky ninth for his 11th save. Scott Schebler homered on Osuna's first pitch, his NL-leading 16th. A single, Ryan Goins' fielding error, and a stolen base gave the Reds runners at second and third with one out, but Osuna preserved the win by striking out Bil-

ly Hamilton and Zack Cozart.

## Brewers 7, Mets 1

In New York, Eric Thames hit his first home run in three weeks, Keon Broxton also went deep against an ineffective Jacob deGrom, and Milwaukee beat New York for just its third win in 10 games.

Released by the Mets following a 50-game minor league drug suspension in 2009, Junior Guerra (1-0) defeated New York for the first time. He allowed four hits in six scoreless innings, struck out four and walked three, baffling batters with his splitter.

In his previous outing, deGrom (4-2) threw 118 pitches and became the first Mets starter this year to reach the ninth inning. Against the Brewers, he allowed seven runs, eight hits and five walks in four innings, raising his ERA from 3.23 to 3.97. The right-hander has given up multiple homers in four starts, double his 2016 total.

## Athletics 3, Indians 1

In Cleveland, Sean Manaea allowed three hits in seven innings, Chad Pinder homered twice and drove in all three Oakland runs in a 3-1 win over Cleveland.

Manaea (4-3) retired the first 10 hitters before Francisco Lindor homered with one out in the fourth. He gave up singles to Daniel Robertson and Edwin Encarnacion, along with a walk to Jose Ramirez.

Pinder, the Athletics' No. 9 hitter, hit a solo homer in the third and broke a 1-all tie with a two-run shot in the fifth.

## Marlins 10, Phillies 2

In Miami, Justin Bour hit two home runs, increasing his season total to 15, and Miami completed its first series sweep of the season by beating Philadelphia before a sparse crowd.

Marcell Ozuna hit his 14th homer for the Marlins, who have won four games in a row, their longest winning streak since last July.

Dan Straily (4-3) struck out 10, allowed one earned run in 6 2/3 innings, and benefited from the of-

pitch homer off closer Matt Bush. The 10th-inning drives came off Sam Dyson (1-6), who began the season as the Rangers' closer.

Stephen Souza Jr. hit a two-run homer in the second, his fifth in eight games. It came off Austin Bibens-Dirkx, who made his first major league start at age 32 following 12 seasons in the minors.

Austin Pruitt (4-1), just recalled from Triple-A Durham, earned the win with two hitless innings. Alex Colome gave up a run but got his 15th save.

Elvis Andrus had three hits and two RBIs for Texas.

## Tigers 6, Royals 5

In Kansas City, Missouri, J.D. Martinez and Justin Upton each hit a two-run double with two outs in the third inning, helping Detroit hold off Kansas City.

Royals starter Ian Kennedy (0-5) walked the bases loaded before giving up the doubles on consecutive pitches.

Victor Martinez and Alex Avila homered for the Tigers, who completed a 4-7 road trip.

Kennedy was pulled after allowing five runs in three innings. He is 0-7 in 13 starts since he last won on Sept. 11.

Warwick Saupold (1-0) tossed three scoreless innings in relief, and Justin Wilson closed for his fifth save.

## Angels 2, Braves 1

In Anaheim, California, Eric Young Jr. made his first home run of the season a timely one, hitting a solo shot in the eighth inning to lift Los Angeles over Atlanta.

Angels slugger Albert Pujols remained at 599 home runs. He had one single in four at-bats.

Matt Kemp hit his 250th career homer for the Braves.

Young, called up Monday to replace injured star Mike Trout, connected off reliever Arodys Vizcaino (1-1), who had made 12 consecutive scoreless appearances.

Blake Parker (1-2) worked a hitless inning in relief, and Bud Norris got two outs for his 10th save.

## Mariners 5, Rockies 0

In Seattle, James Paxton and three relievers combined on a four-hitter as Seattle blanked Colorado.

Paxton (4-0), activated from the disabled list before the game, retired 16 of his first 17 batters, allowing only a two-out infield single in the third inning. Making his first start since May 2, the left-hander struck out Pat Valaika to open the sixth, then gave up consecutive singles, ending his 74-pitch outing.

Paxton had been sidelined with a strained forearm. He struck out six and walked one.

Steve Cishek retired all five batters he faced and James Pazos worked the eighth. Nick Vincent finished up.

Rockies rookie Antonio Senzala (7-2) permitted four runs in five innings while striking out seven. He lost for just the second time in 11 starts.

Danny Valencia had a two-run double.

# Higher power: LeBron soaring into 7th straight NBA Finals

CLEVELAND (AP)—LeBron James will one day take his final bow, the brightest spotlight moving on to someone else.

There will come a time when his legs lose some explosiveness and those vicious dunks will be rendered ordinary. Someday, his jumper won't fall as often, and that astonishing court vision, the key to his game, will become cloudy.

James will face the end of his career one day. Just not anytime soon.

On the eve of his seventh straight NBA Finals appearance, and 10 years since he debuted on basketball's grand stage, James' reign continues: undisputed king of the court.

During a postseason in which he has led the champion Cleveland Cavaliers to a 12-1 record and chased down Michael Jordan as the No. 1 scorer in playoff history, James has not only positioned himself for a fourth title, but intensified the debate over whether he's the greatest play-



er in NBA history.

He isn't slowing down while building his case.

James has always dismissed the Jordan comparisons, saying that kind of talk is "only great for barbershops" and that original gravity-defying No. 23 has been his motivational muse, not a target. But after the Cavs won their third straight conference title, punishing an overmatched Boston team in five games - he supplanted Jordan during the clincher - James discussed his place alongside someone who was "like a god" to him growing up.

"I did pretty much everything that M.J. did when I was a kid," James said. "I shot fadeaways before I should have. I wore black and red shoes with white socks. I wore short shorts so you could see my under-

shorts underneath. I didn't go bald like Mike, but I'm getting there. ... But other than that, I did everything Mike did. I even wore a wristband on my forearm. I didn't do the hoop earring, either. That was Mike."

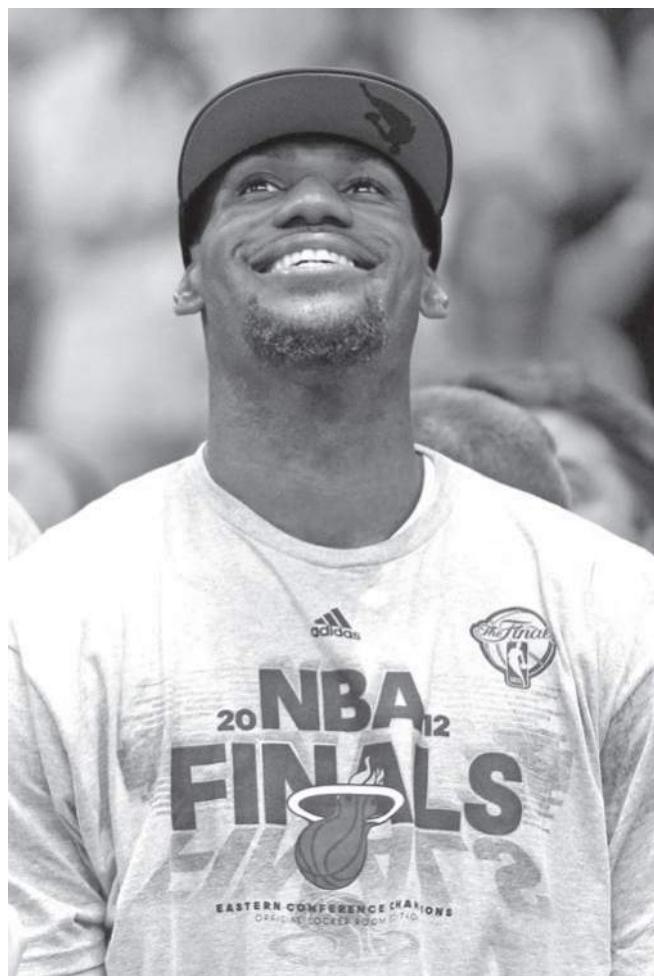
"But I did everything Mike did, man."

And he's not done, not by a long shot.

James is on a mission, and it's far from accomplished.

By having one of his finest statistical postseasons—32.5 points per game, 8.0 rebounds, 7.0 assists, 57 percent shooting through 13 games—James is dismissing any argument about the league's true MVP. Although he'll finish behind Russell Westbrook, James Harden and Kawhi Leonard when the regular-season award is given out next month, James has reminded everyone over the past six weeks that he remains the measuring stick at 32.

He's raising the bar even higher, during a decade in which his actions—on and off the floor—have shaped the league.



AP  
In this June 9, 2012, file photo, Miami Heat's LeBron James smiles during the trophy presentation following the Heat's 101-88 victory over the Boston Celtics in Game 7 in the NBA basketball playoffs Eastern Conference finals, in Miami.

"LeBron James has dominated, seriously dominated, this era of basketball. His domination has been about the equivalent to Kareem Abdul-Jabbar's in his time," Hall of Famer Isaiah Thomas said. "He's playing for his place in history, to be talked about as one of the best to ever play. The conversation will come down between he, Kareem and Michael Jordan. Then it's just a matter of taste. Who do you want?"

Of all his accomplishments, making seven straight final rounds is near the top of the list. When the ball goes up in Game 1 on Thursday, James will be the seventh player to appear in seven consecutive Finals, and the first since Bill Russell led a handful of Celtics on their dynastic run in the 1960s.

James reluctantly reflects on what he's done. As the Cavs prepared for the Warriors, he took a moment to consider his latest feat.

"It's going to be great for my legacy," he said. "Once I'm done playing the game and can look back on the game and say, 'Oh, this guy went to three straight Finals, four straight Finals, five, six, whatever. It's great to be talked about, see what I was able to accomplish as an individual. When you talk about longevity and being able to just play at a high level for a long period of time, I've been fortunate enough to be able to do that and take two franchises to four Finals apiece - and no one has ever done that either."

## LeBron James' Los Angeles home vandalized with slur

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)—LeBron James wanted to be with his family, to hug his wife and three kids back in Ohio.

Visibly shaken by an event he couldn't control, Cleveland's star struggled Wednesday to focus on his seventh straight NBA Finals or the Golden State Warriors.

For the game's best player, basketball was overshadowed by racism.

On the eve of the Cavaliers and Warriors meeting for the third straight year, police said James' mansion in Los Angeles was vandalized in the morning with a racial slur spray painted onto the front gate.

Nearly a year since he sat at the same podium inside Oracle Arena and addressed Muhammad Ali's impact as an activist following the heavyweight champion's death, James discussed the daily challenges of being black in the U.S.

"No matter how much money you have, no matter how famous you are, no matter how many people admire you, being black in America is tough," James said. "We have a long way to go for us as a society and for us as African-Americans until we feel equal in America. But my family is safe, and that's what's important."

According to police, an unidentified person spray painted the N-word on the front gate of James' \$20 million home in the Brentwood neighborhood Wednesday morning. Capt. Patricia Sandoval, a spokeswoman for the Los Angeles Police Department, said neither James nor his family was in their secondary home at the time.

The property manager told officers that it is believed the incident was captured on surveillance video, Sandoval said. Police are investigating it as an act of vandalism and a possible hate crime. Someone painted over the slur before

officers arrived to investigate, Sandoval said.

James bought the house in 2015, not long after his production company signed a \$15 million developmental deal with Warner Bros., an agreement that has him spending more time in Southern California. James was in Los Angeles most of last summer working with his production company.

The 9,440-square-foot home is not James' primary residence. He lives in Bath, Ohio.

As he and the Cavaliers got ready to face the Warriors in Game 1 on Thursday night, James was handling a topic

normally discussed in other forums.

"As I sit here on the eve of one of the greatest sporting events that we have in sports, you know, race and what's going on comes again, and on my behalf and my family's behalf. But I mean I look at it as, if this is to shed a light and continuing to keep the conversation going on my behalf then I'm OK with it," James said. "My family is safe, they're safe and that's the most important. But it just goes to show that racism will always be a part of the world, a part of America. You know hate in America, especially for African-Americans, is living every day."

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MP United Football Club moved back to the top spot in Division A of the M-League after

## MP United returns on top of Division A

dominating Hawaiian Rock/Paire FC, 8-2, last Sunday at the Hopwood Middle School Field.

MP United now has a 5-1-1

win-draw-loss record, slightly ahead of TanHoldings FC and the CNMI U16 National Team, which have similar 5-0-2 slates.

Joon Lee powered MP United to its fifth win after scoring a hat-trick, with his first goal posted in the 25th minute and the last two in the 55th and

60th. He also drew a lot of support from his teammates as Jireh Yobech and Young Bin Kim chipped in two each and Raymond Mercado added one.

Robbie Greene and Gerard Van Gils logged the two goals for Hawaiian Rock/Paire, which is in fifth place in the six-team field with its 2-0-5 record.

In other Division A results, TanHoldings helped MP United regain the No. 1 spot in the team standings after beating the Teen Ayuyus, 2-1.

Tan Holdings got an own goal off Carlson Cruzat's error in the 34th minute, while Sean Perez made it a 2-0 advantage

for the winning team in the

53rd. The CNMI U16 crew then threatened TanHoldings when Sunjoon Tenorio hit his target four minutes later. However, TanHoldings hung in there to keep the shaky lead and tie the Teen Ayuyus' record.

In Division B, Shirley's-1 retained the top spot after getting a free win (forfeit) against Sun Palace. Shirley's-1 is still unbeaten

in seven games, increasing its lead against Shirley's-2 and Kanoa by three wins.

Kanoa improved its record to 4-2-1 after downing the Thundercats, 4-2. Ian Maniago and Minsoo Jun drilled two goals apiece in Kanoa's win, while Don Cabrera and Timothy Tawanpiy had one each for the Thundercats, who remain at the cellar with its 0-2-5 mark.

Shirley's-2 matched Kanoa's record after settling for a draw against Korean Football Association on Saipan (3-2-2). Jack Phan, Hojin Woo, and Ronnel Ocanada hit the board for Shirley's-2, while Dong Gu Lee, Edwin Kim, and Jun Woo Lee registered one goal apiece for KFAS.

In other results in Division B, Matansa notched its second win after outclassing the CNMI Women's National Team last Saturday, 3-1.

Zaw Moe, Anamul Haque, and Kamrul Kamrul contributed one goal apiece for Matansa, while Gillian Villagomez knocked in the lone goal for WNT, which is at the bottom half of the team standings with its 1-0-6 record. Matansa is ranked fifth with its 2-1-4 card.

## Police release Tiger Woods' DUI arrest video

**JUPITER, Fla.** (AP)—His speech slow and slurred, Tiger Woods couldn't follow simple instructions or keep his balance during a dazed and disoriented encounter with police before he was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence.

The video images came from dash-cam footage that Jupiter police released Wednesday night, and they show Woods with little capacity to stand still without swaying, repeat simple instruction or put one foot in front of the other.

The footage came from his arrest Monday in the dark of early morning when Jupiter police noticed his Mercedes parked on the side of a six-lane road, part of it in the road and part of it in the bicycle lane.

Police found the Woods sound asleep behind the wheel, according to an incident report. The engine was running, the brake lights were on and

the right turn signal was blinking. Police also released photos of his car that showed both tires flat with minor damage around the bumpers.

When the officer asks Woods where he had been, the 14-time major champion says, "LA." He says he was headed down to Orange County.

The 1 hour, 39-minute video starts with the Jupiter police approaching Woods' car and ends with the cruiser pulling into the Palm Beach County jail, with Woods in handcuffs behind his back and sitting in the back seat.

Woods told the officers he had not been drinking, and two breath tests at the jail registered a 0.0. Woods issued a statement nearly 10 hours after he was released from jail on Monday that alcohol was not involved.

"What happened was an unexpected reaction to prescribed medications," Woods

said in his statement. "I didn't realize the mix of medications had affected me so strongly."

He told police he was taking prescription medicine. When asked what kind, his answer was redacted from the video tape. The arrest affidavit listed four medications, including Vicodin, that Woods reported taking.

Woods is to be arraigned July 5 in Palm Beach County court.

The video brings to life the troubling images contained in an incident report from the four Jupiter police officers who were at the scene.

His speech is slurred from his first words. When the officer points out that Woods shoe is untied, Woods places his right foot on the front of the police car and starts to fiddle with the laces.

"It's your other shoe that's untied," the officer says as

Woods unties the laces.

"Now that one is, too," the officer adds.

When Woods is unable to tie the left shoe, the officer tells him he can take them off. Woods then tells the officer he doesn't remember what happened or being asleep in his car when police approached.

The field sobriety test was a failure from the start.

Woods struggled to simply put his feet together. When he did, he leaned forward after losing his balance.

He couldn't follow a red light the officer moved from side to side. When asked to walk a straight line by going heel-to-toe nine times, Woods staggered from the starting position. He never connected heel-to-toe. He often strayed outside the white line and occasionally lost his balance.

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Championship Flight, not only in the Governor's Tournament of Champions, but also in other local tournaments. He owns three Championship Flight titles at TOC, having ruled the division in 2001, 2003, and 2004. Camacho used to be pitted against CNMI golf legends the late Jess Wabol, Jeff Taylor, Sasaki Oliver, Frank Castro, Nick Sablan, and other high-level players on the island before he took a break from golf when he moved to the mainland several years ago. He returned to action at TOC in 2015 where he finished second to Mark Rush in the Seniors Flight.

Camacho's 153 in this year's TOC was the second best score in last weekend's competition behind the 141 of eventual Championship Flight winner Ryan Park Kim and runner-up Brett Salas of Guam.

Meanwhile, Jong Hoon Park (157), John Hartig (159), and Federico Flores (162) joined Camacho and Olopai in the Top 5 of the Seniors Flight.

In the Super Seniors Flight, another familiar name stood out with Nick Sablan winning the division after firing a 161, built around his 77 in the first and 84 in the second. Victor Borja came in at second place with his 164 and was followed by Dennis Williams (166), Tony Satur (167), and Attorney General Edward Manibusan (171).

The winner in the C Flight was also decided by three strokes with Ray Steve Aguon registering 173 against the 176 of Romy Batac. Aguon got a good lead in the first round with his 8-over par 80 and he kept the upper hand after matching Batac's 93 in the last round. The runner-up had an 83 in the first round, while third placer Xioa Fei

Gong posted 93 in the opening round before improving his score in the second (87) to save third place and earned a total of 180. Luis Cepeda (182) and John Mafnas (183) rounded out the Top 5.

In the A Flight, Keun Pil Lee was the runaway winner with his 156. He was 13 shots ahead of runner-up Dong Kyu Lee (169), while Joe Tudela (170), Joseph Muna (170), and Jae Yeol Jeoung (174) completed the Top 5.

In the B Flight, Byung Hwao Kim prevailed by four strokes against Changho Kim as the former shot a two-day total of 162 over the latter's 166. Presell Azarcon finished third with his 167, while Ray Quintanilla (170) and Sung Man Cho (172) came in at fourth and fifth, respectively.

In the Ladies Division, Yong Suk Kim (158) won the Lowest Gross contest, while Rose Tarpley (154.8) topped the Lowest Net contest.

ROP 21.

Manglona won his debut in the octagon cage after beating George "Game Over" Grover of IZ MMA at the 2:41 mark of Round 1 of their 130-lb bout, while King also prevailed in his first MMA fight when he stopped Luta Top Team's John Mendiola at 2:25 of the opening round.

Lizama got his TKO victory in the first round, too, but earlier, with Tarkong stopping the former's duel against Badass Beach Boys' K.J. "Man Down" Villagomez at the 1:19 mark. Lizama has yet to lose in three matches, while Villagomez got his second straight defeat.

After the Lizama-Villagomez collision, Luta Top Team's L.D. Ogo and Rosser took center stage with the latter finishing off his foe at the 2:29 mark of Round 2.

In other results, Marianas Elite's Kelvin "The Big Hit" Fital missed a TKO win, but posted the fastest victory in ROP 21 as he needed only 23

seconds to beat GuamFight-Club's Pete "Big Mac" Miyasaki.

Fital used a guillotine choke to force Miyasaki to tap out in their heavyweight bout.

Before holding down Miyasaki, Fital floored his Guam foe with a solid cross and Miyasaki ended up with a big bump on his nose bridge.

## TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

### MLB STANDINGS

#### AMERICAN LEAGUE

##### East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	30	20	.600	—
Boston	29	23	.558	2
Baltimore	27	24	.529	3½
Tampa Bay	29	27	.518	4
Toronto	26	27	.491	5½

##### Central Division

Minnesota	26	23	.531	—
Cleveland	27	24	.529	—
Detroit	25	28	.472	3
Chicago	24	28	.462	3½
Kansas City	22	30	.423	5½

##### West Division

Houston	38	16	.704	—
Los Angeles	28	28	.500	11
Texas	26	28	.481	12
Seattle	25	29	.463	13
Oakland	23	29	.442	14

#### NATIONAL LEAGUE

##### East Division

Washington	33	19	.635	—
New York	23	28	.451	9½
Atlanta	22	29	.431	10½
Miami	21	30	.412	11½
Philadelphia	17	34	.333	15½

##### Central Division

Milwaukee	28	25	.528	—
St. Louis	25	25	.500	1½
Chicago	25	27	.481	2½
Cincinnati	24	28	.462	3½
Pittsburgh	24	30	.444	4½

##### West Division

Los Angeles	33	21	.611	—
Arizona	33	22	.600	½
Colorado	33	22	.600	½
San Francisco	22	33	.400	11½
San Diego	22	33	.400	11½

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# 2017 NMIFA-PSS High School Interscholastic Football League

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A Kagman High School player, left, dribbles past Marianas High School's Evan Belcher during their semis game in the boys division of the 2017 NMIFA-PSS High School Interscholastic Football League last Friday at the Hopwood Middle School Field.



Kagman High School's goalie dives for a save.



Marianas High School and Saipan International School players check on the condition of the Geckos' Clayton Izuka during the second half of their title game.



Marianas High School's Joshua Abragan, left, nudges Saipan International School's Alex Park.



Marianas High School's Evan Belcher, right, steals the ball from a Saipan International School player.



Marianas High School's John Bucayo catches the ball.



Saipan International School's Jeh Yuk Jung, left, unloads the game-tying goal in regulation.



Marianas High School's Dai Podziewski, left, and Saipan International School's Colin Ramsey battle for possession.



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# Falcons even up finals series

The Falcons tied the best-of-five title series in the 2017 Saipan Baseball League following a 12-8 victory over the BSI Aces in Game 2 last Wednesday night at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

The Falcons scored five runs at the bottom of the third inning to take control of the match and protected their lead in the remainder of the game to bounce back from the series



opening loss (3-9). The pivotal Game 3 will be played today with the Falcons having the slight psychological edge after their strong showing in Game 2.

## 44-year-old leads TKO winners in ROP 21



ACE Korea's Sang Hyun Park, left, kicks Mark "The Dark" Niuque of Charanka Brawlers during Round 1 of their MMA bout in last Friday's Rites of Passage 21: Throwdown held at the Marianas Business Plaza.

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Five TKO wins were recorded in the last Friday's Rites of Passage 21: Throwdown at the Marianas Business Plaza and one of them came from 44-year-old Sang Hyun Park.

He may be no spring chicken, but Park still had power in his hands and legs that were enough to stop the younger and one of the most aggressive MMA fighters in the CNMI, Mark "The Dark" Niuque, of Charanka Brawlers. The Korean posted the TKO victory over Niuque at the 2:25 mark of Round 1 af-

ter unloading a flurry of punches on the latter who went down the canvas after Park hit him with a strong kick.

Before peppering Niuque with solid strikes on the body and head, Park spent the first two minutes of their bout exchanging blows with his foe. The ACE Korea fighter used his longer arms and legs to score several points against Niuque and when Park pinned the Charanka Brawlers standout down, the former continued to punish his opponent, prompting referee Jason Tarkong to step in

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From the 2-2 standoff after two and a half innings, the Falcons gained cushion when their first three batters at the bottom of the third scored. Giovanni Mira reached off a sacrifice fly from Bradley Lieto, Ian Norita was driven home by Ricky Joe Riungel's double, and Darren Pua scored off Mike Salas' wild pitch. The Falcons added two more runs off Frankie and J.J. Lifofoi's RBI single each to open a 7-2 advantage.

The BSI Aces got their first two runs off Barry Sunumai's RBI single in the second inning and Lamarc Iguel's sacrifice bunt in the third. The team also recorded

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## 'Kamikaze' lands victory in Senior Flight

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Just in case members of today's golf community did not know Joe "Kamikaze" Camacho, the veteran reintroduced himself by winning the Seniors Flight of the 22nd Governor's Tournament of Champions

held last weekend at the Laolao Bay Golf and Resort.

Camacho shot a 9-over par 153 in the two-day tournament to beat 15 other players in the Seniors Flight. He carded a 3-over par 75 in the first round and a 6-over par 78 in the second for a three-stroke victory



against Tars Olopai, who had a 76 and 80 in the two rounds for his total of 12-over par 156.

Before moving to the Senior Flight, Camacho was a perennial contender in the

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Joe "Kamikaze" Camacho, second left, poses with his prizes in the Senior Flight of the 22nd Governor's Tournament of Champions during the awards ceremony last Sunday at the Laolao Bay Golf and Resort. Also in the photo are, from left, Tedson Timothy of Titan Imports, TOC chair Ben Babauta, and TOC co-founder Marian Aldan-Pierce.

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